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**SHIRTSLEEVES:** Showing the effects of his order to turn down White House air conditioning, President Jimmy Carter is shown here meeting Monday with top energy advisers, including Energy Secretary James Schlesinger. The meetings continued Tuesday as Carter and the advisers struggled to find answers to the energy crisis now gripping the U.S.

## Carter likely to boost navy

Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, July 3 — President Jimmy Carter is expected to approve recommendations from his top foreign policy advisers that the U.S. beef up its military presence in the Arabian Gulf and add one or two destroyers to the three-ship U.S. naval force now in the region.

These recommendations reportedly agreed to last week by the president's policy review committee at secret strategy sessions at the White House are seen as America's first step in re-evaluating political and military options in the oil-rich areas of the Middle East in the wake of recent setbacks to American policy there, administration officials report.

The U.S. now has two destroyers and a flagship operating out of the port of Bahrain. Pentagon officials said a fourth ship

has been stationed in the Gulf since June 6, but termed this addition "temporary." They said they had no information on the report of a recommended permanent increase in the size of the naval force.

As part of the recommended increase in U.S. military presence in the Gulf, which officials see here as modest, but symbolically significant, U.S. Air Force combat aircraft will stage more routine "demonstration" visits and there could be more joint military exercises with Arab countries. More emphasis will also be put on military sales and high-level contacts with Oman and the smaller Gulf states, officials said.

The recommendations for increasing the U.S. presence in the Gulf were adopted at June 21 and 22 meetings at the White House despite concern from Secretary of State Cyrus R. Vance, who

chaired the first day's meeting, and who reportedly voiced strong opposition to any moves that could be seen as promoting U.S. military intervention in the area of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC).

But Vance reportedly joined Secretary of Defense Harold Brown, National Security Affairs adviser Zbigniew Brzezinski and Energy Secretary James R. Schlesinger and others at the June 22 meeting, chaired by Brown, in agreeing to the specific military increases worked out by the Defense Department.

The establishment of a new Middle East command structure which would group U.S. defense training and sales efforts in the region was not approved at the policy review meetings, but a Pentagon spokesman said Monday that the proposal is still under study and "just one of many options being looked at." U.S. military activities in the region are now handled through the U.S. European command headquartered in Germany.

Last week's strategy sessions, postponed from early June, are likely to be only the first of continuing administration policy meetings on the Middle East. Some top policy makers also reportedly hope the decisions that ultimately emerge from the wide-ranging Middle East review will signal a new willingness by the Carter administration to move beyond the post Vietnam era and to use military power abroad again if necessary to protect U.S. interests.

A Pentagon spokesman said Monday that plans for the creation of a 110,000 man quick-response strike force which could intervene in the Gulf or elsewhere outside of the NATO alliance is another option being considered. But he added that this force is not a new concept and has been studied "for dealing with Third World conflicts for several years."

## Autonomy target difficult--Strauss

CAIRO, July 3 (Agencies) — U.S. Mideast special envoy Robert Strauss arrived here Tuesday after a get-acquainted visit to Israel and a flying tour of the occupied West Bank.

Strauss, delegation leader to the U.S.-Egyptian-Israeli talks, on Palestinian autonomy, admitted after two days of talks in Israel that little progress had been made in drawing up a plan for self-government.

"The answers don't look any easier to me than they did six weeks ago," when he was appointed President Carter's personal representative in the talks, Strauss told a news conference.

Meeting the 12-month target date for concluding the talks will be difficult, he said.

Although Strauss said he felt no pressure from the Arab oil states regarding the autonomy talks, he refused to be pinned down on how he would react if such pressure were applied. "I don't reject it, nor do I accept it. I don't plan to comment on it now," he said.

Strauss was on his first trip to the region since becoming chief of the U.S. delegation to three-sided talks with Israel and Egypt on Palestinian autonomy in the West Bank and Gaza.

Asked about the link established by Saudi Oil Minister Sheikh Ahmed Zaki Yamani between the Palestinian issue and oil supplies, Strauss replied "I have made no linkage, I have felt none, nor have I heard of any."

But when asked if he rejected such a link, Strauss snipped, "I don't reject it nor do I accept it. I don't plan to comment on it now."

The comments by Yamani to a "Newsweek" reporter were published shortly before the Saudi announcement.

The State Department welcomed the Saudi announcement

and simultaneously but separately said in a statement that it understood the legitimate rights and needs of the Palestinians would find expression in a comprehensive Mideast peace agreement.

In the interview, Yamani said increased production would hinge on "how serious you (the United States) are going to be on cutting back (on oil consumption), and on a comprehensive overall solution for the Middle East crisis, which must, first and foremost, mean a solution for the increasingly desperate Palestinian people."

Strauss said he expected his trip over the West Bank, which Israel captured in 1967 and which is now the focus of discussions in the triangular talks, would be "a bit of an irritant to some, but it can't be helped."

As a matter of policy, U.S. diplomats do not make official trips through occupied areas to avoid an impression of U.S. approval. But Strauss said it was important for him to understand "the contours and the make up" of the West Bank.

Strauss said he would "follow my own instincts" that facts "add to the resolution of differences and don't detract from it."

Strauss held a total of two and a half hours of talks with Prime Minister Menachem Begin and met twice with the Israeli negotiating team led by Yosef Burg, the interior minister.

He said the Israelis forcefully presented their case, but he declined to make judgements on the issues under discussion in the autonomy talks. The next session is scheduled for next week in Alexandria, Egypt.

Strauss said he brought no solutions with him from Washington and made no "suggestions of any consequence" during his meetings.

## For new strategy Kuwait backs summit

KUWAIT, July 3 (SPA) — The Crown Prince and Prime Minister of Kuwait said Tuesday that his country would welcome a new Arab summit or any other conference at any level to draw up a strategy for action and to close Arab ranks.

Speaking at a press conference, Sheikh Saad Al-Abdullah Al-Sabah called on all Arab countries to set aside their differences and unite to meet the challenges of Israel because "the war with Israel is a total Arab war and it is not confined to the frontline states."

Referring to continuing Israeli attacks on southern Lebanon, Sheikh Saad said that Israel intended to weaken the Palestinian resistance, eliminate the Palestinian presence, create tension between the Lebanese and the Palestinians, and embarrass Syria.

Lebanon should not be left alone to confront Israel.

Asked about the Canadian gov-

ernment's intention to transfer its embassy from Tel Aviv to occupied Jerusalem, he said Kuwait would suspend diplomatic relations with Canada if it did so.

He accused Zionist organizations of leading a vicious campaign against the oil-producing countries, especially against Arab OPEC members.

"It is the international oil companies which should be blamed for exploiting the shortage by demanding exorbitant prices for their stocks." He called on the main industrialized states to cut down consumption as there were mutual interests between the producers and the consumers.

Kuwait had already limited its oil production but that it could always reduce it if necessary.

A call for a new Middle East peace initiative from Syria, Iraq, Jordan and the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) was made Tuesday by a Palestinian



Sheikh Saad Al-Abdullah Al-Sabah leader in a interview published in Polish newspapers.

Khaled Fahoum, chairman of the Palestinian National Council, (parliament), said they should form a core of Arab states "strong and solid in thought and action" to work jointly on a new concept to solve the conflict.

## Intelligence sources

## Israel expects more dogfights

TEL AVIV, July 3 (AP) — The director of Israeli military intelligence has said he expected more attempts by Syrian jets to intercept Israeli warplanes attacking Palestinian targets in Southern Lebanon and that the Israelis would hit back.

Maj. Gen. Yehoshua Seguy discussed with reporters last Wednesday's air battle over Lebanon in which Israel employed the American-built F-15 in combat for the first time.

Seguy said there have been other incidents in the air over Southern Lebanon in which the Israeli planes broke off their attacks and did not take action

against Syrian jets. "This time they were too close to break off," Seguy said. "Breaking off means a chance to be shot down."

In another development Prime Minister Menachem Begin claimed that European governments who cooperate with the Palestine Liberation Organization "are contributing to underground terror movements" in their own countries.

Begin, in an address opening a three-day international conference on terrorism, also alleged Israel's offensive against Palestinians in Southern Lebanon was a "legitimate act of national self-defense."

Implicitly rejecting U.S. criticism of Israeli actions in Lebanon, Begin said Israel had abandoned a "policy of retaliation" for Palestinian attacks in favor of a hit-at-will offensive.

Begin had stern advice to European countries which allow the PLO to openly operate in their capitals. He said they "cannot expect to overcome their own terrorists if they give comfort to the PLO."

Reinforcing Begin's rebuke to Europe, other speakers at the opening session, like Sen. Henry Jackson of Washington, emphasized the international nature of terrorist groups around the world and called for increased cooperation by Western governments to combat terrorism.

Jackson, member of the U.S. Senate's Foreign Relations Committee, meanwhile arrived in Cairo Tuesday on a one-day visit for talks with President Anwar Sadat and Egyptian officials on the situation in the Middle East.

President Sadat will receive Jackson in Alexandria Wednesday.

In Damascus the government newspaper "Tishrin" said Monday Syria would not succumb to American and Israeli "demands."

In a commentary, the paper said it would be "pure imagination for Israeli rulers to believe that by making murder gangs commit crimes in Syria and by stepping up attacks on Lebanon and the Palestinians this country will succumb to America's and Israel's demands."

Syria had accused the United States and Israel of having been behind the latest wave of assassinations including the massacre of at least 50 army cadets in the northern city of Aleppo last month.

"Tishrin" said "they (Israelis) are also wrong to believe that by

casting doubt on Syria... they can cross the bridge of negotiations on self-rule (for the Israeli-occupied West Bank and the Gaza Strip).

"There is no power on earth that can persuade or force Syria to abandon its principle of resisting and felling the plot hatched by the (U.S. President) Carter, Israel and (Egyptian President) Sadat alliance," it added.

## Siad Barre leaves after Mecca visit

JEDDAH, July 3 — (SPA) — President Siad Barre of Somalia left here Tuesday after a two-day visit to Saudi Arabia for talks with King Khaled.

During his visit, he performed the Umra (lesser pilgrimage) in Mecca and prayed at the Prophet's mosque in Medina.

The Saudi ambassador to Somalia Taha Al-Dughither and the Somali ambassador here, Dr. Abdulla Sheikh Mahmood, described the talks as constructive and that the views of the two leaders were identical on all matters discussed.

They said that a cordial atmosphere prevailed at the talks. They hailed the good and friendly relations between the two countries which are bound by Islam.

The Council of Ministers Monday reviewed the results of the talks and expressed its support for the Islamic character of Somalia.

## Jerusalem panel opened in Rabat

FEZ, July 3 (SPA) — King Hassan of Morocco Monday chaired the opening meeting of the Jerusalem Committee which was formed by a resolution of the Islamic foreign ministers conference last May.

Minister of Foreign Affairs Prince Saud represented the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia at the meeting.

King Hassan said that the question of Jerusalem was an Islamic issue of great importance and should be projected in "an objective manner" in addition to that of the other occupied Arab countries.

The committee was charged with drawing up a plan for the liberation of the holy city and its restoration to Arab sovereignty.

King Hassan was requested by the conference to communicate with non-Islamic countries and keep international public opinion informed of the Muslim rights to it.

## Jordanian minister urges preferential crude price

AMMAN, July 3 (Agencies) — Jordan's Finance Minister Muhammad Dabbas, Tuesday suggested that oil should be sold at preferential prices to Arab countries.

In an interview published in the daily newspaper "Al-Dustour," Dabbas called for the formation of a committee from Arab oil-producing countries for this purpose.

He also said a pan-Arab meeting should be held to discuss the recent oil price increases and their adverse effects on consuming countries.

In Brussels the Common Market welcomed Monday's Saudi Arabian decision to increase crude oil production.

The commission is glad to see any move that will cut inflation and help prevent a major world

recession, EEC sources said.

In Paris an official of the French industry ministry said that even if the Saudi increase was temporary "it is still a good thing — good omen."

He added: "That means that more oil will be available on the market... whether that will bring prices down is another matter, we doubt it."

Japan also welcomed Saudi decision.

Official said the decision was opportune because Japan's international trade and industry minister, Masumi Ebata, is to visit the Middle East, including Saudi Arabia, probably from Saturday.

Ebata will discuss with Saudi officials ways for Japan, which relies on imports for over 99 per cent of its oil needs, to buy more crude.



**WAR GAMES:** The reality of war in Nicaragua has left no one untouched. The youngsters who live in a refugee camp in La Cruz, Costa Rica have carved rifles for themselves and pass the day pretending that they are guerrilla soldiers attacking opposing forces who are defending a building across the street.

## On Mexican TV

## PLO help on Shah's life not needed--Arafat

MEXICO CITY, July 3 (AP) — Yasser Arafat, the head of the Palestine Liberation Organization, says in an interview with a Mexican television station, that his organization has not been asked to help assassinate the Shah of Iran, currently living in Mexico.

"It is their obligation and they have not asked me what to do," Arafat said in an interview with Mexico City's Channel 13 released Monday. "I'm sure they have all the means" to kill the Shah.

The Palestinian leader also expressed firm support for the Sandinista National Liberation Front's fight against President Anastasio Somoza in Nicaragua.

"They are valiant. They are honest. They are revolutionaries," Arafat said of the Sandinista guerrillas.

"I believe the United States is trying to interfere, militarily to impede the valiant people of Nicaragua from gaining their victory," Arafat said.

He warned Mexico not to have illusions about the United States' new interest in relations with its southern neighbor.

"Now, the Mexicans are very

important for imperialism and for the north American monopolies. That is why they are anxious to have good relations with your government," Arafat said. "Not relations with your government, nor with your people, but with your oil."

He also compared the situation of the Palestine refugees in the Middle East with the plight of the illegal aliens from Mexico in the United States. "It is same case of misery without human rights," he said.

He called on Mexico to re-evaluate its policy of selling 100,000 barrels of oil a day to Israel. He said by helping Israel in this way Mexico was contributing to aggression against Palestinians.

"You must not give this kind of aid. It is against humanity. It is anti-humanitarian," Arafat said.

"You are supporting the aggressors, the military attackers, and the aggressions of Israel."

"I hope my friends in Mexico will continue to support our just cause... The cause of the Palestinians... So we can return to our land and live there like human beings," Arafat said.

Arafat said his fight had begun



Yasser Arafat

in 1984 when the state of Israel was created from Palestinian territory. He said the fight had turned more violent in 1965 when it became evident no other means would serve to win back the Palestinian homeland.

"I am a revolutionary, a fighter for liberty. There is something

glorious about being a freedom fighter. It is not something easy — it is something glorious and I am very satisfied that I have followed this path for my people to obtain their victory and gain their objectives," Arafat said.

He also criticized the peace treaty between Israel and Egypt. "It is not a peace treaty... Can you imagine a peace treaty where \$13 billion are set aside for military aid first to Israel and then to Egypt?"

"It is just a new pact between Israel, Egypt and the United States," Arafat said "it definitely can't function, except as a protection for north American interests in the Middle East."

Also in Mexico City former U.S. President Richard M. Nixon is expected to visit the Shah of Iran in Cuernavaca, Mexico, this week, U.S. embassy sources said Tuesday.

"It is true that we think he is coming, but we don't know when," said the source, who asked not to be identified. "We are ready to help out in any way we can with logistics or whatever, but so far, there have been no official requests for any kind of assistance."

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## In Jeddah Port

## Khaled will open mills July 11

By a Staff Reporter

JEDDAH, July 3 — King Khaled will open another container berth and a flour and feed mill at Jeddah Port on July 11, it was reported Monday.

The container terminal the King is to open is part of the Saudi Ports Authority's encouragement of more efficient handling through containerization. Last year, with some 10 million tons of goods coming through Jeddah, as opposed to 1977's 8.4 million,

there was a 13 per cent increase in the proportion of imports moved by container.

The flour and feed mill was built by the Swiss company Buhler, as a turnkey project, for the Grain Silos and Flour Mills Organization. It was the largest single project the company has ever taken on. Related civil works were carried out by Dyckerhoff and Widmann of Munich.

The project cost SR339.2 million. It was begun two years ago. It comprises four flour milling

units, each with a capacity of 270 tons a day, two gantries that can each carry 200 tons of grain an hour 400 meters from a ship being unloaded, and an animal fodder mill with a capacity of 100 tons in every eight hour shift that can handle various formulations of feed, the silos will have a storage capacity of 120,000 tons. It will employ 300 people.

Officials have said that allied to flour mills working at full stretch in the Central and Northern Provinces and the construction of another in Khamis Mushait, the Jeddah facilities will make the Kingdom self-sufficient in flour production. It has been reported that it would also guarantee a strategic reserve of six month's supply.

"Al-Riyadh" also reported Tuesday that the Ministry of Commerce and the Grain Silos and Flour Mills Organization had recently permitted the import of flour to meet the demands of the local market, and nearly 52,000 tons of it would arrive at Jeddah and Jazan by the end of the month.

Until now, only the Grain Silos and Flour Mills Organization had been allowed to import flour, which would then be sold to local millers and merchants.

Ulema Meeting  
RIYADH, July 3 (SPA) — As is customary every week, King Khaled received a group of ulema in the Madhar Palace Monday.



King Khaled

## 3 downstream projects financed by state fund

JEDDAH, July 3 — Finance has been secured from state sources for three major downstream industrial operations launched in the past year.

The state Public Investment Fund, which handles loans to such parastatal organizations as Saudia, Petromin and SABIC, agreed Monday to provide finance for a SR300 million iron and steel complex to be built in Jubail and expansion of domestic refining capacity in Riyadh and the Western region.

Finance Minister Sheikh Muhammad Abd Al-Khalid presided over the fund meeting here Monday which agreed a loan to cover 60 per cent of the cost of the steel mill SABIC (the Saudi Basic Industries Organization) is setting

After Riyadh recommendations  
Panel to study Gulf university in Bahrain

RIYADH, July 3 (SPA) — A committee of university vice-chancellors, deans of faculties and some specialists are to visit Bahrain from Sept. 21 to 25 to examine setting up a Gulf university there.

They will submit a report on their findings to the Gulf Arab Council of Higher Education at its next session.

The committee is made up of

Dr. Ali Al-Tuwajiri, deputy director general of the Gulf Arab Education Bureau; Dr. Mahmoud Safar, deputy minister of Higher Education; Dr. Bakr Abdullah Bakr, vice-chancellor of the University of Petroleum and Minerals in Dhahran; Dr. Abdullah Al-Nafae, adviser to the Gulf Arab Education Bureau; Dr. Muhammad Ibrahim Kazem, vice-chancellor of the University of Qatar; Dr. Hassan Ibrahim, vice-chancellor of the University of Kuwait; Dr. Abdullah Al-Khashab, vice-chancellor of the University of Basrah and Dr. Abdullah Al-Rafai, secretary general of the University of Kuwait.

The council had decided on the make-up of the committee during its third general meeting, in Riyadh recently.

At that meeting the council agreed that a feasibility study be carried out on the establishment of a Gulf university in Bahrain.

It also approved steps preliminary to the exchange of teaching staff, administrative personnel and students, in a program to begin in the next academic year.

Teachers

RIYADH, July 3 (SPA) — Minister of Education Dr. Abdul-Aziz Al-Khuraib Tuesday approved the renewal for another year of secondment con-

tracts for 391 Saudi teachers working in Arab and Muslim countries, as a contribution by the Kingdom towards their educational progress.

The minister's decision also includes the secondment of 166 teachers and four instructors to North Yemen, 130 to Oman, 38 to

the United Arab Emirates, 11 to Bahrain, six to Lebanon, eight to Algeria and Mauritania three to the Philippines.

Syria, Nigeria, Malaysia, Thailand and Mauritius will each have two teachers. Niger, Venezuela and the Comoros will have a teacher each.

## Nazer speaks of hopes of replacing foreigners

JEDDAH, July 3 — Minister of Planning Sheikh Hisham Nazer says the problem of large number of foreigners working in the Kingdom cannot be solved unless educated and trained Saudis are available to replace them.

The minister told "Al-Riyadh" Tuesday that foreign manpower in the Kingdom was only temporary and its presence was owing to the period of development. During this period, it was necessary to educate and train sufficient Saudis to replace them in different fields of work.

Sheikh Hisham mentioned the military industries factory at Al-Kharj and said it was completely manned by trained Saudis,

who had been able to replace aliens.

Saudi technicians were being trained in Germany and the United States to man 60 per cent of the posts in — the proposed iron and steel complex in Jubail.

"We are quite convinced that imports of foreign manpower do not conform to our customs and outlooks. We must, therefore, look at it as a temporary phase and, at the same time, strive to replace them with Saudis," he said.

For this, intensive efforts would have to be made, while people would have to realize the need for doing any kind of jobs as an obligation.



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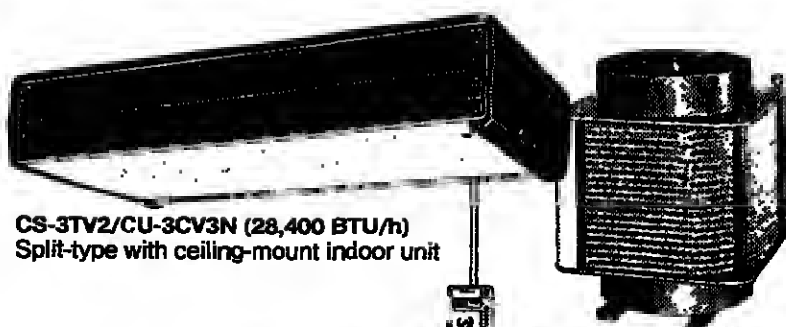
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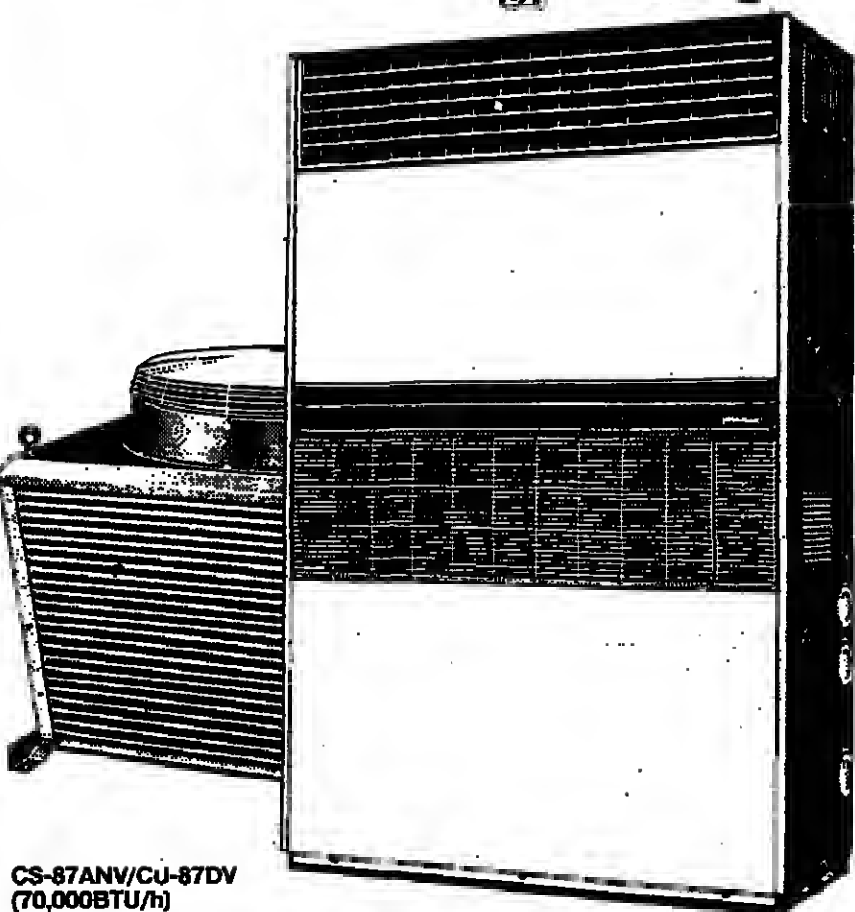
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## Turkey president calls on parties to curb terrorism

ANKARA, July 3 (Agencies) — Turkish President Fahri Koruturk has called on all political parties to reach a consensus on the need for a concerted effort to curb escalating political terrorism that has taken more than 2,000 lives since 1975.

Koruturk, stressing that the current outburst of terrorism threatens Turkey's democracy, said Monday the initiative must be launched by the government party led by Social Democrat Premier Bulent Ecevit, who also has the support of radical left-wing labor groups.

As Koruturk made his appeal, a right-wing politician was seriously wounded and his brother killed by gunmen Tuesday.

The wounded man was a local chairman of the Nationalist Action Party (NAP) in the western town of Gonen. He and his brother were shot at the

offices of a right-wing newspaper in the town.

It was the fourth attack on NAP members in the past week. Two party leaders were shot dead in separate attacks in Manisa and Istanbul and two died in a machine gun and bomb attack on NAP offices in Ankara.

The executive of the ruling Republican People's Party held an urgent meeting Tuesday to discuss the latest killings.

"It is a question of to exist or not," Koruturk said. "If these attacks continue, the parties themselves will be threatened and their survival will be jeopardized."

On Monday, police reported explosions at two residential areas and the offices of a pro-Peking party in Ankara overnight. Nobody was injured but property damage was heavy.

## Israeli base contract doesn't violate boycott rules, U.S. says

By a Staff Reporter  
Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Commerce Department says the Pentagon's contracting arrangements to build two Israeli air bases under the terms of the Israeli-Egyptian peace treaty do not violate the U.S. anti-boycott rules.

Vincent Rocque, assistant director of the Bureau of Trade Regulations, told "Arab News" that the Commerce Department's Anti-Boycott Compliance Staff has "examined the issue thoroughly" and finds that the agreement, signed April 6 by the U.S. Department of Defense and Israel's Ministry of Defense, "contains no violation of the Foreign Boycott Provisions of the Export-Administration Act."

Questions about qualification restrictions for contractors and a possible Israeli veto of subcontractors having projects in Arab countries were raised after the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, which is supervising the Israeli base construction, signed nearly \$1 billion in contracts with two joint ventures of American contractors for the design and construction of two new air bases to replace the two bases in the Sinai which Israel is relinquishing under terms of the peace treaty.

According to the agreement signed by the two countries, which outlines construction procedure details and responsibilities, the Department of Defense is responsible for selecting the contractors. The prime contractors must be wholly American-owned, but they may subcontract with a non-American company "having diplomatic relations with Israel."

Rocque insists that "Israel will have no veto over the selection of subcontractors. We are satisfied that under the agreement the Department of Defense has control of the project."

In New York, a spokesman for the Corps of Engineers' North Atlantic Division, which is handling the Israeli program until a corps office is set up in Tel Aviv in July, said that "It will be up to the corps (acting for the Department of Defense) to assure that contractors are acceptable — both from the ability to get the job done and from a diplomatic standpoint."

Normally the corps furnishes prime contractors a list of qualified subcontractors, but this is not being done, explained the corps official, because of the priority contracting procedures being used. The U.S. has pledged that the bases will be operational in three years, instead of the normal five to eight years required for a project this size.

## Zia gets Taraki's note Pakistan, Afghanistan agree to defuse strain

ISLAMABAD, July 3 (AP) — Pakistan and Afghanistan agreed Tuesday to continue their official dialogue to overcome problems between the two countries.

Officials said this was agreed upon in meetings between Afghan Deputy Foreign Minister Shah Muhammad Dost and Pakistan Foreign Secretary S. Shahinwaz. Dost also had a meeting with President Gen. Muhammad Zia Ul-Haq Monday during which he delivered a letter from Afghan President Nur Mohammad Taraki.

The talks, details of which were not disclosed, were believed to have centered around the exodus of Afghan refugees to Pakistan. The number has reached about 100,000.

The refugees started arriving in Pakistan several months ago in the

wake of fighting by Muslim rebels against the pro-Moscow Afghan government of Taraki.

Pakistan is providing food and shelter to the refugees on humanitarian grounds, and has asked the help of the United Nations commissioner for refugees.

Afghanistan has been alleging that Pakistan and China are helping the refugees and their associates fighting against the Taraki government. Both China and Pakistan have denied the charge.

The Afghan government has announced amnesty for all refugees to return home by July 10, but no one has returned so far.

Taraki has a standing invitation to visit Pakistan, but it is not known if and when he will come. Dost invited Agha Shahi, foreign affairs adviser to Zia, to visit Afghanistan.

Last September, Zia had an amicable meeting with Taraki in Kabul, but since last fall, when rebels started fighting Taraki, relations have deteriorated considerably.

Meanwhile, an Afghan rebel leader claimed Tuesday that 25 out of 29 provinces in Afghanistan are now controlled by the rebels.

Burhanuddin Rabbani who currently leads a rebel delegation in the Gulf states told the Kuwaiti daily "Al-Sayassah" that "Muslim fighters have now reached the outskirts of the capital Kabul and are preparing for a massive attack to storm the capital."

However, he predicted that a final assault on Kabul will not take place before autumn.

"To defeat the Soviet experts, the rebels should first obtain sophisticated weapons," he added.

## Khomeini: Flogging rids country of prostitution

TEHRAN, July 3 (Agencies) — Iran's religious leader Ayatollah Khomeini has been quoted as saying that the way to rid the country of the world's oldest profession was to flog a handful of prostitutes as an example.

In a speech to Muslim scholars Sunday Khomeini said: "A society is reformed by cutting off the hands of a few thieves in public. If a handful of prostitutes are flogged, then society will be rid of prostitution."

The Ayatollah, whose speech was published by the Tehran press Monday has repeatedly called for the abolition of prostitution since his return from exile shortly before last February's revolution.

A mother of four was flogged by a woman in the Tehran suburb of Shahr-e-Rey after being convicted of adultery by a revolutionary tribunal, the evening newspaper "Ettela'at" reported Monday.

In a separate development, a revolutionary guardman and a drug smuggler were killed in western Iran during a gun battle between police and dealers carrying 110 kilograms of heroin.

State radio said Tuesday the smugglers were chased by foot and helicopter near the city of Hamadan Monday before three suspects were caught and their heroin confiscated.

## Drought hits Jordan's wheat crop

AMMAN, July 3 (R) — Drought has crippled Jordan's wheat harvest this year, reducing it to less than one-tenth of the normal crop, Prime Minister Mudar Badran has told the National Consultative Council. Because of the chronic water shortage, Jordan was discussing with Iraq the possibility of drawing drinking and irrigation water from the Euphrates River, he said.

## 688 leftists arrested in Morocco

RABAT, July 3 (R) — The left-wing Moroccan trade union, Confederation Democratique du Travail (CDT) said Tuesday that 688 of its members were arrested and 230 of them jailed for staging strikes in the education system and health services last April. The CDT, formed last November with the backing of the left-wing socialist popular forces opposition party, called a series of strikes in the public sector and tens of thousands of state employees stopped work.

## Qaddafi confers with Qatar ruler

DOHA, July 3 (R) — The Ruler of Qatar Sheikh Khalifa Ben Hamad Al-Thani and Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi had formal talks here Tuesday on the Middle East situation, Arab developments and strengthening bilateral relations. Qaddafi is on a tour of Arab countries and has already visited Syria, Jordan, Iraq, Kuwait and Bahrain.

## Rebels claim seizing Ethiopia town

KHARTOUM, July 3 (R) — Rebels Tuesday said they had captured the strategic northeast Ethiopian garrison town of Haudien and said a major Ethiopian offensive against guerrilla-held territory had failed. A spokesman for the Tigray People's Liberation Front (TPLF) said 100 Ethiopian soldiers were killed in the battle for Haudien last Friday. He said 34 prisoners were taken and 50 political detainees released from the town's prison.

## Iraq blacklists 22 companies

BAGHDAD, July 3 (R) — Iraq last month blacklisted 22 foreign ships and companies for establishing commercial dealings with Israel and violating Arab regulations on boycotting the Jewish state, the Iraq News Agency has said.

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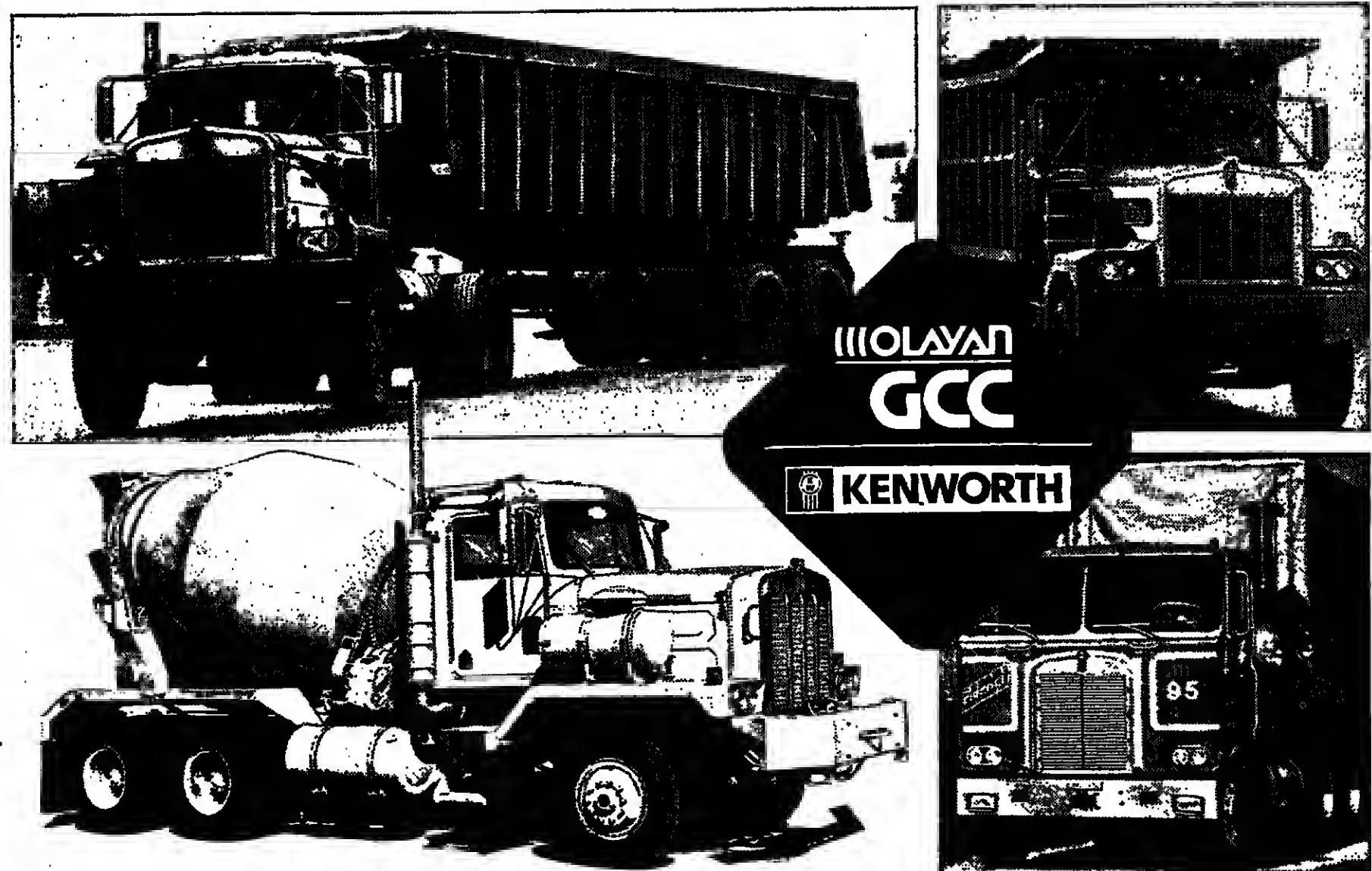
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## Somoza abandons Matagalpa; guerrillas repel Masaya attack

MANAGUA, July 3 (AP) — The Sandinista guerrillas overran another National Guard garrison, in Matagalpa, and a government offensive to retake Masaya initially appeared to be only a probing operation.

The rebels cleared out the garrison in Matagalpa, 88 kilometers northeast of Managua, after controlling the city for nearly a month and pinning down the government troops in their barracks.

The rebels' Radio Sandino said five Guardsmen were killed, a number of others were captured and a large cache of weapons taken.

One of President Anastasio Somoza's chief aides, Max Kelly, claimed the army abandoned the

post in a tactical move so the soldiers could fight elsewhere.

The government claimed to have launched a counter-offensive to retake Masaya, 32 kilometers south of the capital. But those who toured the area found little evidence of Somoza's troops.

A DC-3 with a 50-caliber machine gun in the door strafed the countryside repeatedly, posing a threat only to farm animals. An armored car accompanied by a patrol of about a dozen soldiers found nothing to shoot at in the same area, the guerrillas apparently having pulled back into the town.

A squad of soldiers buddled in the safety of a house just below a hilltop fort overlooking the town.

They were trapped by guerrilla snipers.

The Sandinistas regrouped in Masaya over the weekend after withdrawing from Managua's eastern slums which they had held for two weeks. They also control about 20 other cities, including Nacaragua's second largest, Leon, and a swath of territory north of the Costa Rican border.

In the capital's Intercontinental Hotel adjacent to Somoza's headquarters, many of his political supporters and businessmen associated with him seek their personal guards armed with sub-machine guns trying to buy dollars with local currency.

The mood at the hotel was somber. Because of the food shortage in the city of 500,000, the guests had only a piece of bread and a slice of cheese for dinner. There was only coffee and water to drink.

Food is growing desperately scarce in Managua. An estimated 150,000 refugees were scrounging for scraps to eat. Most stores have already been plundered.

The Red Cross ran out of food for the refugees, managed to come up with some more, then said its supplies were virtually depleted.

At one field hospital, buzzing with flies and jammed with wounded, surgeons were busy amputating limbs.

Somoza's Liberal Party has been trying to muster enough congressmen for a session, but many of the president's own supporters in the Congress have fled to Miami, New Orleans, or Central American cities.

The new American ambassador Lawrence Pezzullo, returned to Washington for consultations after five days in Managua. He has urged Somoza to resign to no avail.

The Sandinistas led a two-week rebellion in September in which 1,500 people were killed. Another 1,500 were killed in the ensuing months, and at least 10,000 are estimated to have died in the latest fighting.

On the Atlantic coast in Bluefields, employees of Somoza's fishing company, Pesca-Nica, and dockworkers took over three Pesca-Nica ships. The workers are said to have revolted and captured the crew of the three ships.



## North Koreans reject U.S.-sponsored talks

TOKYO, July 3 (AP) — North Korea Tuesday virtually rejected the tripartite talks on Korea proposed by Washington and Seoul.

The apparent rejection was contained in a commentary carried by "Rodong Sinmun," a mouthpiece of the Communist Party of Korea. It was also broadcast on Pyongyang Radio.

"The Korean reunification issue is an internal problem of Korea and it should be solved by Koreans themselves without intervention by external influences. The United States has no right to intervene in our country's domestic affairs."

The joint U.S.-South Korea proposal called for talks with North Korea to ease tension and to reunify Korea.

Secretary of State Cyrus Vance said Sunday at the end of President Carter's two-day visit to South Korea there were "some indications" North Korea might accept the invitation issued by Carter and President Park Chung-hee. But he said the process would be "a long, hard road"

even if that happened.

The article was the first North Korean commentary on the joint initiative announced by Carter and Park.

"What the United States should do in connection with the Korean reunification problem is to stop its intervention in internal affairs of Korea and to withdraw U.S. troops from South Korea which are preventing the country's reunification."

"If there was a problem for the United States to talk with our side, it is not the reunification issue but it is to change the Korean armistice agreement to a peace treaty."

## Asian nations reportedly agree to take in refugees temporarily

BALI, July 3 (R) — The five members of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) have reportedly agreed to lift their ban on granting temporary asylum to Vietnamese boat people as long as they move on rapidly to other countries.

U.S. officials said the agreement was reached after the foreign ministers of Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, Singapore and the Philippines held two days of talks in Bali with Secretary of State Cyrus Vance and Japanese Foreign Minister Sumao Sonoda.

But ASEAN officials said there has been no firm commitment. They have only agreed to review their policy after the U.S. and Japanese approach.

An Indonesian official said it was up to each individual country to decide what to do about the refugees.

ASEAN, endorsed its original decision to turn back to sea any new Vietnamese boat people.

It said the influx was an economic strain and a security threat.

But Vance told the ASEAN ministers in a formal session Monday that the U.S. firmly supported the principle of temporary shelter and first asylum.

U.S. officials said America and Japan undertook to ensure that refugees in camps in ASEAN countries would be resettled elsewhere within weeks of arriving.

Japan has promised to increase its financial aid to the resettlement program, including its contribution to the United Nations high commissioner for refugees.

Sonoda told a press conference Monday that Japan would increase its aid to the U.N. by five times to \$ 50 million and would pay half the cost of a refugee processing center on the Indonesian

island of Galang, near Singapore.

The United States has also agreed that a larger refugee processing center, possibly in Indonesia, would be established to speed up resettlement.

The refugee problem will con-

tinue to dominate high level diplomatic gatherings in Asia as the foreign ministers of the 27-year-old Anzus defense pact countries, Australia, New Zealand and the United States, prepare to meet in Canberra.

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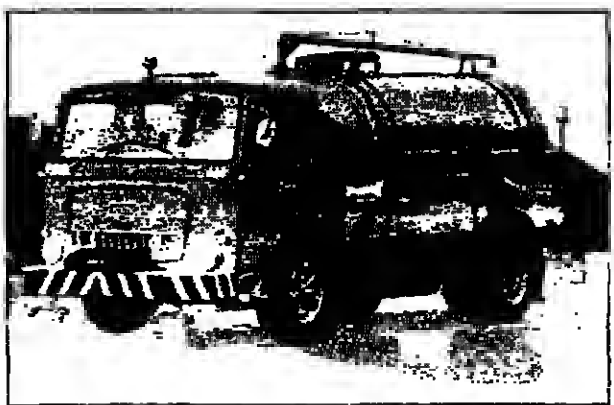
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## Cities to get 5% more

## U.S. to siphon gas from farms

WASHINGTON, July 3 (AP) — President Carter Monday granted governors the power to divert up to 5 per cent of a state's gasoline supplies from farms to cities.

The move was aimed at correcting imbalances created by gasoline allocation rules, which Energy Secretary James Schlesinger said "put the gasoline where the cars are not."

Carter will also address the nation on the oil shortage Thursday evening.

The White House said Carter

would "discuss with the American people the short-term and long-term energy crisis, the reasons for it, and the steps we will need to take to deal with it."

It will be Carter's third major address on energy since taking office.

The president will not announce specific policy initiatives during the speech, but will work closely with Congress to draw up measures to curtail oil imports.

White House officials did not say what measures are being considered to carry out Carter's

pledge, made at the seven-nation economic summit meeting in Tokyo last week, to hold U.S. oil imports to 8.5 million barrels a day or less through 1985. That level is somewhat lower than the present daily import level.

Schlesinger told the president rules allocating gasoline supplies to retailers haven't taken into account reduced long-distance driving in rural areas as a result of shortages.

The regulations give rural areas more gasoline and urban areas less, relative to their actual demand. Long lines have been forming at many gas stations in cities in recent weeks, especially in the Northeast.

Schlesinger's statement, which seemed to come as a mild surprise to Carter, was made in a mumbled exchange picked up by microphones at the start of a White House meeting of top energy advisers.

Alaska Complains

NEW YORK, July 3 (AP) — Alaska complained in full page newspaper ads Monday that it could fuel the nation for 20 centuries, but that federal control of much of its land prevents development of the state's resources.

"Alaska wants America to declare a New Independence Day", was the headline on ads appearing in several newspapers, including "New York Times", the "Daily News" and the "New York Post."

Spain increases

**gasoline prices by 24 per cent**

MADRID, July 3 (R) — Spain has increased gasoline prices by an average 24 per cent in an attempt to cut record consumption.

Anticipating the increase, motorists in Madrid lined up for more than an hour to fill up tanks. Some stations ran dry.

The rise was higher than expected.

Officials said Monday the price of all grades of gasoline would go up by 13 cents a liter from Tuesday.

The most popular grade, 96 octane, previously cost \$ 2 a gallon.

Spain's gas consumption has risen by 10.7 per cent in the first six months of the year.

Spain is probably the only country in Europe which has not reduced consumption since oil-producing nations introduced big price rises for crude six years ago.

Rich countries

**seen shifting to nuclear energy**

PARIS, July 3 (R) — Western nations will probably make a marked shift to nuclear power in the next two decades.

According to an international survey published Monday, nuclear power stations will generate 34 per cent of the electricity used in North America, Western Europe, Japan, Australia and New Zealand by the year 2000.

The figure last year was eight per cent.

Other forecasts for electricity generation were coal unchanged at 37 per cent, oil down from 19 per cent to 10 per cent, and gas under four per cent.

The report said that last year saw the greatest addition of nuclear capacity in any one year.

By the end of 1978, the world had 209 working commercial nuclear power units with a nearly 110 million kilowatts capacity.

**World Bank extends \$ 28m loan to Tunis**

WASHINGTON, July 3 (AP) — The World Bank announced Monday that it has approved a loan of \$ 28.5 million to Tunisia for a fisheries project.

The project will finance investments in new port infrastructure and shore facilities to promote coastal fishing.

"It will help increase the production of fish, making possible a significant increase in fishermen's incomes and creating employment opportunities for jobless and underemployed coastal region inhabitants," the announcement said.

**Poland to build Iraqi plant for lime production**

WARSAW, July 3 (R) — Poland has signed a contract with Iraq worth nearly \$ 50 million to build a lime factory there.

The contract was signed in Iraq Saturday by representatives of the Polish trading agency Polimex-Cekop, PAP news agency said Monday.

The factory will be built near the town of Kerbala, where construction of one of three cellular concrete factories sold to Iraq by Poland last May is due to be finished shortly.

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The prices, announced by the Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency, are based on average rates on the London money market and the official price of the U.S. Dollar.

## Chinese likely to get U.S. trade benefits

WASHINGTON, July 3 (AP) — The Carter administration is said to have decided to ask Congress this month to grant most-favored nation trade status to China.

State Department sources, who asked not to be identified, say the administration has almost given up hope that it can include the China trade benefits in a package of similar benefits for the Soviet Union. They emphasize, however, that no final decision has been made on trade with the Soviets.

Trade benefits to China and not to the Soviets would be a severe setback to U.S. hopes of maintaining a balanced policy toward the two Communist giants, and to U.S.-Soviet relations in general. But it is a setback that is apparently inevitable.

Trade with both countries is subject to the 1974 Jackson-Vanik Amendment, which says communist economies cannot have most-favored nation status unless they promise to give their citizens the right to emigrate.

China has fulfilled that requirement. The Soviets have greatly increased the flow of Jewish emigrants, but have refused explicitly to assure the administration that the flow will continue.

Work has been completed on the draft trade agreement which Secretary of Commerce Juanita Kreps initiated on her visit to Peking in April.

The Treasury and Commerce Departments are in favor of moving ahead with the agreement as

rapidly as possible and key congressmen have told the administration it must send the agreement to Capitol Hill by the end of this month if it wants it to be approved this year.

The agreement will probably be signed at a ceremony tentatively scheduled for July 7 and sent to

Congress by the end of the month.

"Most-favored nation status" is a somewhat misleading term, in that it implies special favors. Actually, it would allow the Chinese to trade with the United States under the same tariff schedules that apply to nearly all of the other

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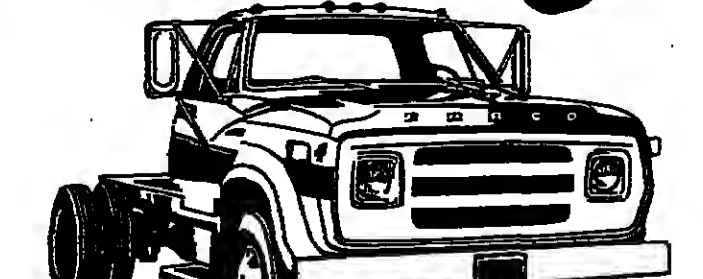
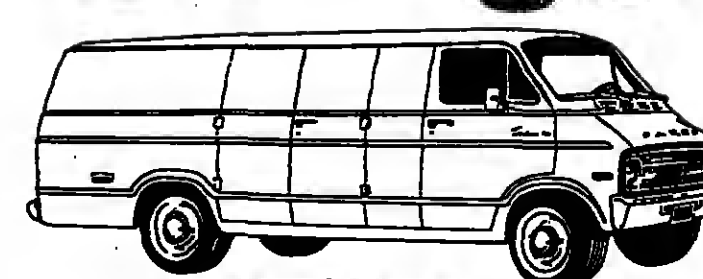
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## Year of Jerusalem: Will it unify Arabs?

By Ian Mather

AMMAN —

The next Muslim year, 1400, which begins on Nov. 22 of the Christian calendar, has been proclaimed "the Year of Jerusalem" by Islam's leaders.

It will be marked by an intensive political, cultural and educational activity campaign emphasizing the religious significance of Jerusalem for followers of Islam.

Exactly what the Muslims can do, since Israel is firmly in control of Jerusalem and committed to holding onto it forever, is hard to see. However, the Egypt-Israeli peace pact, excluding as it does any realistic possibility of agreement over Jerusalem in the foreseeable future, has produced a significant increase in Arab emotional fervor over what they regard as their Holy City.

The campaign over Jerusalem has already begun. In May 4 Islamic foreign ministers, meeting at Fez in Morocco, decided to proclaim the year 1400 the Year of Jerusalem to "inform world public opinion" as to the "Arab and Islamic characters" of Jerusalem, to boycott the "Zionist entity", and to support the Mujahideen (Palestinians).

Last week an international conference of Muslim religious leaders, ministers and academics in Amman decided to widen the campaign to involve non-Arab Muslims. Present at the conference (timed to coincide with the anniversary of the Prophet Muhammad's night journey to Jerusalem, from where he ascended to Heaven) were religious leaders from countries as far apart as Indonesia, India and East Africa, Canada and the Comoro Islands, and from European countries and the United States.

And this week officials of the Jerusalem Committee established at the Fez conference — including Foreign Minister Prince Saud are attending a meeting in Rabat to plan strategy.

One possible strategy is the use of wealth.

A classic example concerns the attempt by Canada's fledgling Prime Minister Joe Clark to move his country's embassy in Israel from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem in fulfillment of an election promise. Two days after his election victory Clark announced that he was ordering the move to be put into effect.

Immediately, the Arab Investment Fund threatened to withdraw its holdings in Canada and the Amman conference added to the pressure by deciding to urge Arab heads of State to break diplomatic and commercial ties with Canada.

Canadian companies which are doing business with Arab states protested to Clark. Foremost among them was the Bell Telephone Company of Canada, which has a huge contract with Saudi Arabia.

As a result Canada's foreign minister, Flora MacDonald, told Arab ambassadors in Canada that a government emissary would tour the Middle East and that "full consultations" would take place before a final decision was taken.

So far only Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Guatemala and Holland have moved their embassies from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem as a tacit recognition of the Holy City as Israel's capital. As far as is known no other countries, the United States included, are considering such a move.

Dr. Ismail Fayid, a Palestinian university medical lecturer, who lives in Halifax, Nova Scotia, said at the Amman conference: "The Arabs have tremendous power if only they would use it. There is no need for jihad. If Arabs were to cut their production the West would have to recognize the Palestinians."

This realpolitik approach was echoed by another Palestinian who still lives in Jerusalem, Mahdi Abdul-Hadi, general secretary of the Council of Higher Education in Jerusalem and chairman of the Arab Thought Forum, argued that the Muslim world should concentrate on building up Palestinian institutions inside Israel instead of indulging in talk of holy war.

"The main object must be to strengthen Palestinian industries, schools, universities and housing inside Israel," he said. "If the Israelis will not give us permission to build a new factory in Jerusalem let us expand the size of the factories we already have there. If they will not let us build a new house in Jerusalem let us rebuild our existing houses."

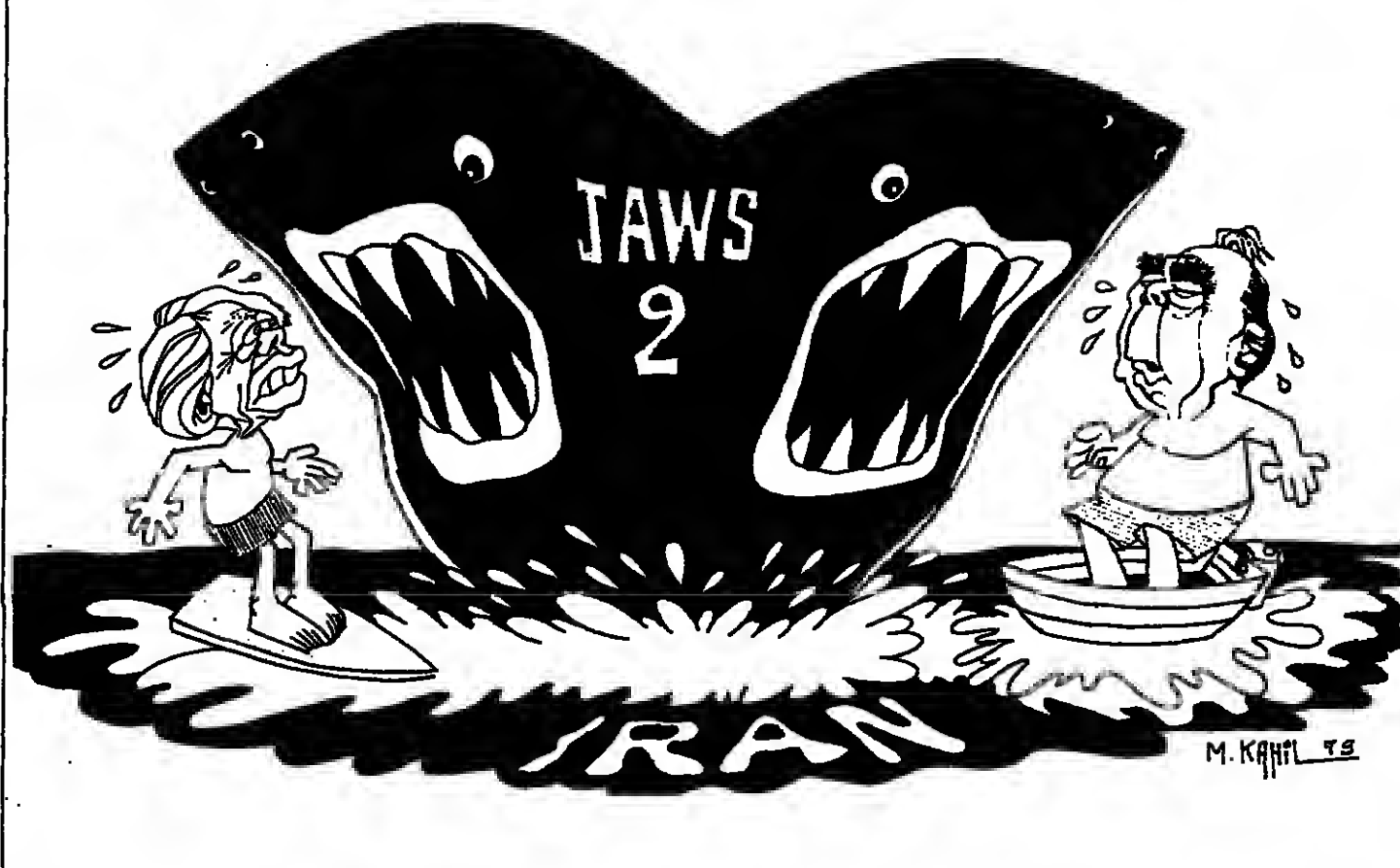
The object should be to prevent the "Judaisation" of Jerusalem, he said.

Jerusalem has two important Muslim shrines, the Aqsa mosque and the Dome of the Rock, which is considered to be the site where Abraham was prepared to sacrifice Isaac. Muslims abroad complain that they are either not allowed to visit the shrines or they face arrest, harassment or indignities if they try to do so.

As the custodian of the holy shrines at Mecca, Saudi Arabia has taken a particular interest in the future of Jerusalem, and is prepared to back the campaign.

At most, it is not impossible that Jerusalem could provide the Arabs with the unifying cause. — (OFNS)

JUST WHEN YOU THOUGHT IT WAS SAFE TO GO BACK INTO THE WATER...



## Southern Sudan: Bottom of the world

By Gordon MacLean

JUBA, Southern Sudan,

One of the poorest places on earth is the Southern Sudan, that third of Africa's largest state which lies south of the 10th parallel and is inhabited by three-and-a-half million people, predominantly Negro.

Neglect has characterized this potentially fertile land for centuries. It was so for more than half a century of British rule, when the Sudan was an Anglo-Egyptian condominium and the Arabs inhabited the northern part, maintaining close ties with Egypt and the Islamic world.

Because it was felt in Whitehall that the blacks in the south could be better protected if there was no contact between the two parts of the Sudan, the Dinka, Nuer and Shilluk were left to their nakedness in the swamps of the "sudd", while the Zande, Bari, Latuka and other Bantu southerners scratched the soil as best they could, helped by a handful of expatriate instructors.

Under the eyes of the British district governors (whose critics used to refer to them as the "bog barons" and their fief as "a human zoo"), the southerners provided good material for the Sudan Defence Force; they helped the river steamers weave their way through the papyrus maze of the White Nile, but they were otherwise left to the missionaries, to their cattle and to their meagre crops.

The two Sudans had only a couple of short years to work together as one independent State when civil war broke out in 1955 as the southerners violently resisted Khartoum's attempts to change them overnight.

It was a war which lasted 17 bitter years a few in the South taking on the overwhelming might of the Sudanese Army.

When I last visited the country around Juba in 1972, the refugees were just creeping back from the bush and from exile, wondering whether the Addis Ababa agreement would work. This had just been signed between the Khartoum government and Gen.

Joseph Lagu, leader of the rebel "Anyanya" army. The returning refugees were hoping that at last they would see their long-neglected and now battered land start on the road to development, like the newly independent African States to the south.

Another seven years have gone — years of peace but little progress — and instead of Gen. Lagu there is President (of the High Executive Council for the Southern Region) Joseph Lagu, a southern Parliament and a new democratically elected government in Juba with autonomous powers, except for defence and foreign affairs. In Khartoum more and more southerners are finding work as northerners migrate to better, easier jobs in Libya and the Gulf.

The Addis Ababa agreement of 1972 was a sincere attempt by President Jafaar Numeiri to restore peace and progress to the troubled south. It did little for his image in the north but he has kept his bargain as far as he has been able.

The main problem is, however, still there and neglect still reigns in the south. Today, while the northerner is not exactly rich with an average per capita income of \$ 170 a year, this is still more than double the average income for the southerner in his homeland — a figure generally accepted to be around a mere \$ 70 per head per year.

The sheer inaccessibility of this landlocked mass has long been the curse holding back the Southern Sudan.

True, a Sudan Airways Boeing 707 calls once a week at Juba (when there is enough fuel for the diversion) and the rail route winds a weary 2,700 kilometers from Port Sudan to the southern railroad at Wau, while ancient steamers puff their way up and down the White Nile — so those with money can still travel.

Inaccessibility these days is more a question of not having access to the funds needed to give the south a massive injection of capital to put it on its feet. Too late the southern leaders have found that included in the "foreign affairs" portfolio which is still in the hands of the Khartoum government is "foreign aid" — so those countries which might want to help the southern Sudan develop a basic communications infrastructure have been prevented from doing so. — (OFNS)

## SOVIET 'SUPPORT'

The growing threat of an open war between Syria and Israel raises several questions on the Soviet position and the degree of its commitment to the defense of Syria and other Arab countries in direct military confrontation with the Jewish state.

For the past several months, Syria has been fighting an unsuccessful battle with the Soviets over urgently needed war material to upgrade its defense capabilities, particularly after the exit of Egypt from the Arab military and political ranks. An element of hope was introduced when Iraq intervened on behalf of its partner to effect a Soviet change of heart. But those hopes were dashed when Iraq took its own military shopping list to the West and followed that up with a purge of communists from its government and the execution of a number of communists in the armed forces — actions that Moscow does not look upon kindly.

The Soviets have traditionally used military aid as a policy tool, and have often withheld such aid whenever a recipient state showed an independence of mind from the Kremlin doctrine. Syria and Iraq are now in that position, which is not helped by the fact that the two countries are almost totally dependent on the Soviet Union for military hardware. Iraq's purchases in the West are still too modest to make any significant impact on its capabilities.

The forthcoming trip to Moscow by Palestine Liberation Organization chairman Yasser Arafat, for all practical purposes a substitute for the visit due to have been made by President Assad, will be another attempt at securing Soviet weapons for Syria and the PLO. But it is questionable whether Arafat will succeed where others have failed. The Soviets have insisted on greater "conformity" by Syria and a greater role for local communists in Syrian and Iraqi affairs, things neither of the two countries are willing to risk. It is believed that Soviets are also displeased with certain aspects of the structure of the proposed unity between the two Baathist countries, and this in turn is affecting the Soviet attitude.

Another element of uncertainty was added by the Vienna meeting between President Carter and Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev. Rumors are circulating of a new "understanding" between the superpowers regarding the Middle East peace process where the Soviets are believed to have accepted to remain on the sidelines in exchange for other "privileges."

As the latest air battle between Israel and Syria has shown, the Soviet equipment currently in use by Arab armies is desperately behind the latest offerings from the U.S. and the West. If the Soviets had been truly keen on maintaining the balance of power in the Middle East, it would have been within their ability to supply their friends with the necessary weapons to ward off future Israeli attacks. Such an argument assumes goodwill on the part of the Soviets, but until it proves otherwise, Moscow remains an unknown quantity in its relations with the Arabs. The less dependence by some Arab countries on their imaginary friend the better.

## Crude proving a strain to the Bonn-Tel Aviv link

By Michael Getler

BONN —

The intensifying international scramble for oil has focused new attention, and some strain, on one of the most sensitive and emotion-laden relationships between two countries — West Germany and Israel.

At issue is whether the traditionally benign foreign policy of West Germany — a highly industrialized country totally dependent on imported oil — toward Israel is changing. Is, as a conservative newspaper here suggested last week, "a cool policy of realism about to prevail in Bonn at the expense of the idea of atonement?"

The situation has attracted growing attention because of several recent developments.

In Paris earlier this month, the nine-nation European Common Market delivered the most critical statement it has ever issued attacking Israel's policy of establishing new settlements in occupied territories on the West Bank.

Soon afterward, Bonn Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher embarked on an intensive diplomatic mission to most of the Middle East and Gulf oil-producing countries.

In the midst of the Genscher trip, a purported interview with Chancellor Helmut Schmidt was published by Israel's "Jerusalem Post." In it, the chancellor was quoted as being sharply critical of Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin's settlement policy and warning that a new war was possible and that Israel was losing its friends. Schmidt was said to have commented that while West Germany should have a bad conscience about the Holocaust that should not be the basis of Bonn's support for Israel.

The chancellor's office has denied that he made the remarks attributed to him in the "Jerusalem Post" story.

Schmidt has twice postponed a trip to Israel, moves seen here as reflecting a view that Israel's settlement policy is a hindrance to a

wider Middle East peace.

For the moment, however, the focus of interest is on Genscher's trip, which was widely viewed as having two goals. One is a diplomatic mission to sound out Arab opinion on widening the peace prospects. The other is to insure West German oil supplies.

Several respected newspapers here have suggested that the Genscher mission boded ill for Israel and that it was also the start of Bonn's efforts to secure its own oil supplies in the absence of international guarantees.

"Despite all contradictions and vagueness, this much seems clear," said an independent Stuttgart newspaper this week. "West Germany, too, prepares for the day when the industrial countries, disregarding friends and allies, will try to obtain oil exclusively for their own tanks."

Some experienced Israeli diplomats here and elsewhere in Europe, however, feel that claims of a Bonn foreign policy swing are exaggerated. There is no doubt among these officials that Begin's settlement policy is opposed as dangerous, not only by Bonn but by France, the rest of the Common Market, and the United States. There is also little doubt that West Germany is trying to safeguard its relations with its main Arab oil suppliers.

Yet these diplomats say they believe the West German foreign ministry when it says it supports the Egyptian-Israeli peace accord and that Genscher's mission is meant to assuage Arab opposition to the treaty and, eventually, widen the accord.

"The Germans are interested in the same measure of good relations with the Arabs and with Israel," one Israeli diplomat said. "The Germans see the peace treaty as a good beginning and something that is already a fact. Now the thing is to try to do everything to make it succeed."

"What we are seeing is a mixture of honorable motives and self-interest. The Germans feel they have to work for peace in the Middle East but are hoping that it will also bring dividends in the energy sector," he said.

"The whole economic well-being of Germany depends on oil and without economic well-being the stability of Germany could be threatened," another Israeli added.

"Schmidt doesn't understand Begin," said another Israeli diplomat, "just the way Schmidt doesn't understand Carter. Maybe it is the religious element. Begin and Carter are both deep believers, each in his own way. Schmidt is a thoroughly rational man, through and through. So maybe you can understand why fear moves Schmidt so much."

In the "Jerusalem Post" report, Schmidt was also quoted as expressing regret that Israel was so totally dependent on the United States because Washington, since the Johnson administration, has been unpredictable.

"Who should we be dependent on?" an Israeli asks. "On a European Common Market led by France that doesn't give a hoot for Israel? On Brezhnev?"

The chancellor's office here has gone to great lengths to deny that Schmidt said the things reported by the Israeli paper or that his conversation with their correspondent could even have been interpreted along such lines.

Nevertheless, Schmidt repeatedly has been involved in similar situations where he speaks in total candor to foreign correspondents or private groups and then denies everything when it is published.

Among Israeli diplomats and correspondents here, and others familiar with the chancellor's private views, there is little doubt that the interview expressed his feelings. — (WFP)

## saudi press review

For the second straight day, Saudi newspapers Tuesday led with the visit of Somali President Siad Barre and his talks with King Khalid. They also highlighted the announcement by the Royal Court that oil production would be raised to meet demands of planned development projects.

Al-Medina said, "The decision to increase oil production in order to ensure financing for development projects is consistent with government policy to keep up the momentum of construction in every sphere of life here with the aim of providing the people with the means for a better living."

"Besides, the government has always maintained that its prosperity and happiness are inextricably bound to that of the rest of the world. That is why it decided to increase production to ease the crisis caused to the oil market in the past six months because the Kingdom has always stood against any attempts aimed at destabilizing the economic order which might lead to another worldwide recession. The decision must therefore, be viewed, as a reflection of the government's sense of responsibility to the world at large. A stable international economic situation is also necessary for the smooth development of Saudi Arabia itself."

"It would be even more gratifying if other economic powers could behave with similar wisdom and a sense of responsibility to the rest of the world to help ease some of the crises that have wrought havoc on people everywhere."

The big powers should realize by now that Saudi Arabia is a major factor in the stabilization of the world economic situation and they, in turn, should do their duty, towards it by working to restore Arab rights in Palestine and force the Israeli forces to withdraw from the occupied lands including Jerusalem. This is the responsibility of the world towards us."

Al-Nadwa said: "The decision to increase oil production is an expression of this country's sense of responsibility to the rest of the world. It is true that we need to carry out some of the planned projects through increased royalties but we are also responding to the international outcry for more oil. This shows the close interdependence of national economies."

"While the Kingdom has gone ahead with raising oil production it is hopeful that the rest of the world will begin to realize what their responsibility to the world means, by taking stern measures to conserve energy instead of blaming the oil producers all the time."

Okaz said: "The government has recently allocated a large number of plots of land to landless applicants in the Riyadh area and has done the same in many other areas. This is in keeping with the declared policy of the government to provide a decent accommodation to every Saudi family. The Real Development Fund was set up for this purpose, to help the Saudis build their own homes. In addition to that, the government has built crash housing programs to help ease the housing crises of recent years."

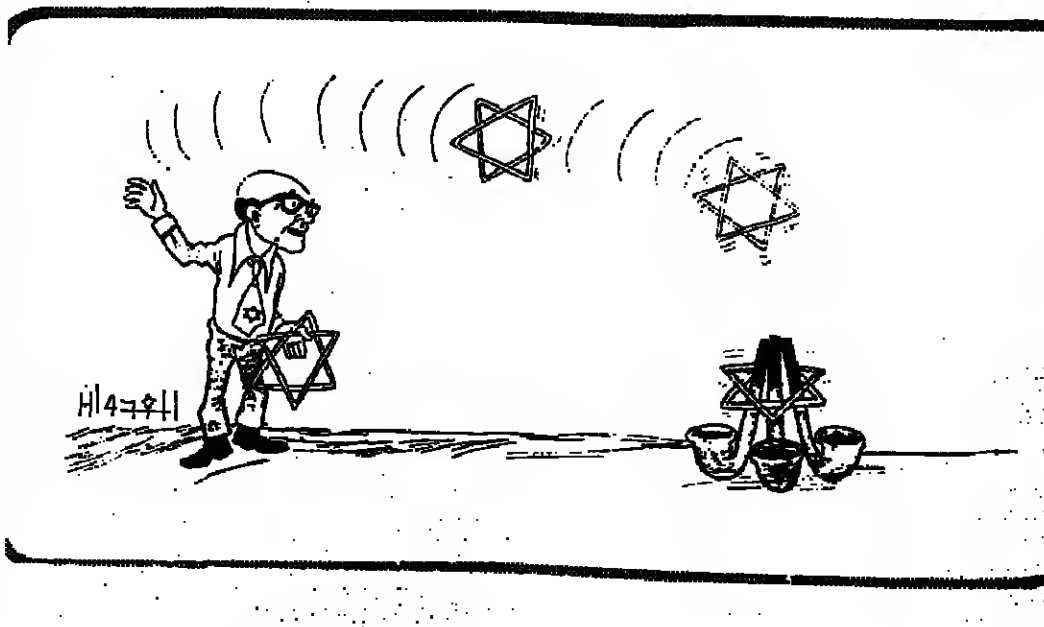
Al-Bilad said: "The new cabinet of the United Arab Emirates — with some of the old faces retaining their portfolios — may have taken long in coming but it provides the answer to the false rumors and allegations made against that country in recent months. An objective analysis of the new cabinet will lead to the following:

— "The cabinet will strengthen the unity of the state;

— "The allocation of portfolios amongst the member states will bring about greater and more meaningful integration in due course;

— "Political observers see in this cabinet the U.A.E.'s desire to play a greater role in the Gulf region to consolidate Arab unity and serve Arab interests in general."

"Al-Jazirah" said: "We don't believe that the United States gave Israel the green light to use its F-15 warplanes to attack southern Lebanon and to engage Syrian aircraft. Israel needs no such encouragement to exercise its aggression on anybody in the Middle East. And the U.S. is careful not to antagonize the Arabs further by unleashing Israel against them to a greater extent than Israel is already doing. It is, therefore, hard to believe that the U.S. wanted Israel to test American aircraft in combat with Soviet-made ones. But Israel has always been using American weapons on the pretext of self-defense whereas in Israeli terminology the words 'self-defense' have a completely different meaning."





## Azzi: 'treading the fine line between sentimentality and sensationalism'

JEDDAH—On a sunny day in the mountains of Lebanon, a man in jeans and deteriorating tennis shoes was crouching in the bushes of a garden photographing two Saudi officials. Looking up, he saw one of them towering over him.

"His excellency thinks you've taken enough pictures now. Would you like to join us for lunch?"

That's how Robert Azzi's connection with Saudi Arabia began. For Westerners, Saudis and lovers

**Story: John Close**  
**Photos: Robert Azzi**

of photography, there's never been anything like it before.

Success stories are familiar but they only happen to a few. Azzi arrived in Beirut in 1968 with \$10 in his pocket, two cameras and a knapsack.

Not disillusioned with America, only bored with it, he wanted to see the world and Lebanon, the home of his parents, was the logical place to begin. The defeat of Senator Eugene McCarthy in the 1968 presidential campaign, which he covered as the candidate's personal photographer, seemed like the end of a chapter. Time to move on. And he's been moving ever since.

Before starting college Azzi had rarely been out of New England. Last year alone ten months were spent on the road. And since the fall of 1968 there have been photographs and stories in "Newsweek", "Time", "National Geographic", "Fortune", "Paris Match", to name a few, and two books of photographs—"Arabian Portfolio" and "Saudi Arabian Portfolio".

Recognition by his peers and the public has not been lacking. "Arabian Portfolio" was awarded a 1977 Kodak Fotobuchpreis. For three years he was an associate member of Magnum, one of the

most exclusive photographers' associations in the world.

There has also been no shortage of controversy. Azzi's 1974 story on Damascus for "National Geographic" brought a shower of protest from the American Jewish community. His assertion in the article that Syrian Jews were not free, but not persecuted as much as reported, resulted in the first picketing of "National Geographic's" Washington headquarters.



Azzi: successful abstractions were in its 85-year history.

Months later, unwilling to withstand the pressure yet privately supporting his article, the magazine published the first editorial comment in its history, disassociating itself from the story.

Despite the furor over the article, the National Press Photographers' Association awarded Azzi's Damascus coverage the 1974 first prize for documentary feature stories. Next fall, he will begin work on a "National Geographic" cover story on Saudi Arabia.

Life is never quiet for long in the Middle East and the past 11 years could hardly stand in starker contrast to Azzi's early life in a New Hampshire country town and his study of architecture at the Rhode Island School of Design, one of America's eminent ivory towers. His Beirut apartment was ran-

sacked during the civil war in Lebanon, and like countless others he has yet to find a permanent replacement.

Yet his work as a freelance photographer has lost none of its appeal. Few in other professions would be able to fly from Cairo to Zurich to catch a Jimmy Cliff concert and be back behind the lens at a Nile Hilton wedding extravaganza the next day; join Sheikh Ahmad Zaki Yamani behind the closed doors of a Geneva OPEC conference for a major U.S. periodical; or photograph the Haj as a Muslim.

When not concentrating on his own projects, Azzi does not lack things to do. He has just finished photographing Cairo for a Time-Life book and is to start a portfolio on Kuwait next year for the Kuwaiti government. Several countries in the Middle East have offered him similar assignments but he has turned down those who have demanded editorial control, something Saudi Arabia has never sought to impose.

He also does corporate brochures and annual reports commanding the top U.S. rate of \$1,500 for the photography. His clients have included E.A. Juffali & Bros, Continental Can Corp., Citibank, Bank of America, Aramco, National Bank and Saudia. He often has to refuse work because of his tight schedule.

Azzi's big break as a photojournalist came at Nasser's funeral. Most of the foreign press heeded government orders against joining the funeral procession. But Azzi melted into the mob and photographed as he was swept along the route. "Newsweek" was pleased.

Three years later he helped arrange the "Newsweek" cover story on King Faisal, in which Faisal warned a deaf world of the approaching 1973 oil boycott.

In 1978, Azzi did the photography for "Time" magazine's cover

story on Saudi Arabia during the debate on the sale of F-15s to the Kingdom.

Nowadays, he is in the middle. Western publications are becoming increasingly aware that he has unique access to Saudi Arabia.

But what they often want to see in photographs are Bedouin praying in front of oil wells and veiled women.

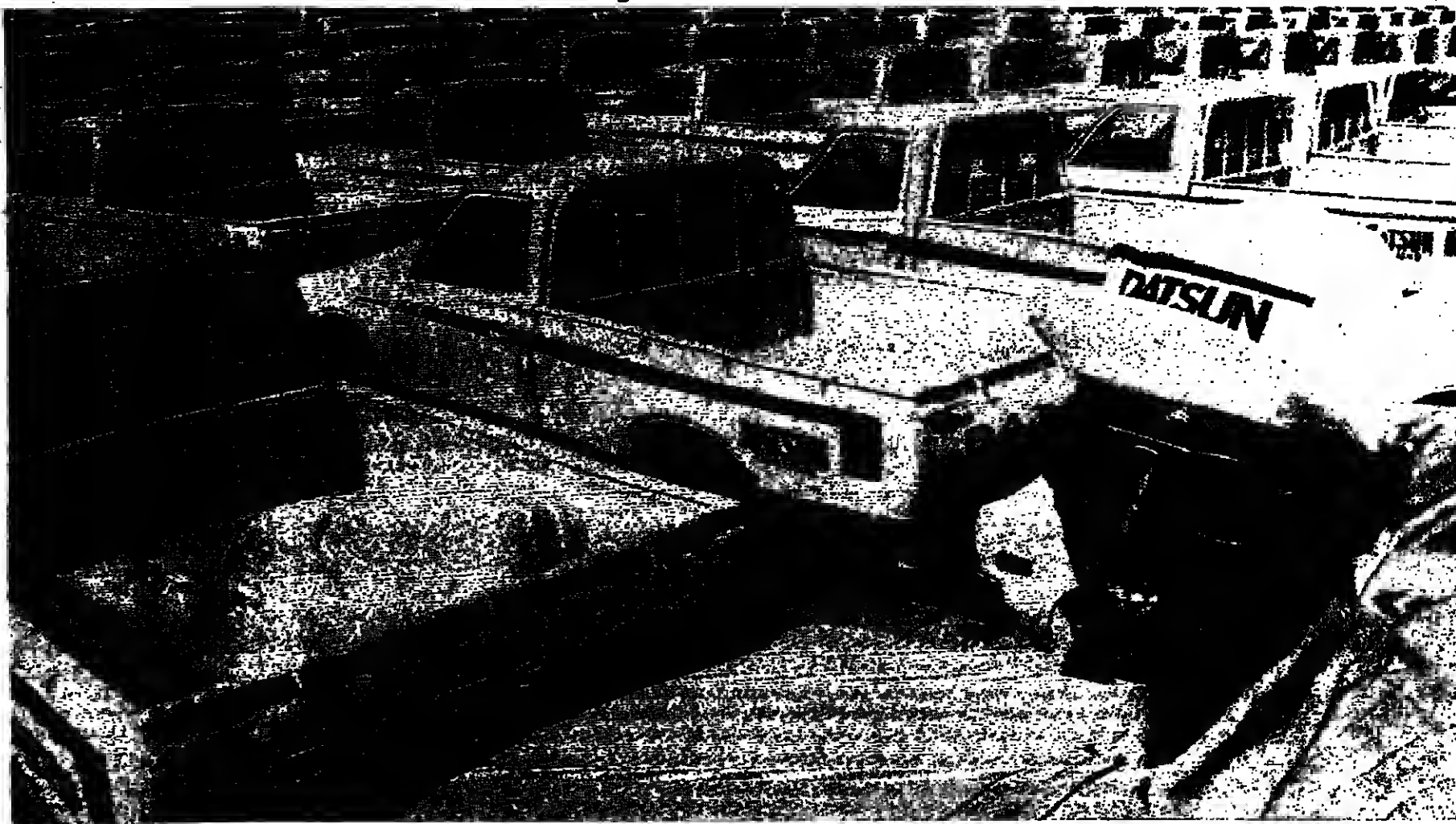
At the same time he couldn't work in Saudi Arabia without semi-official sanction. One of the ministries objected to a picture in "Saudi Arabian Portfolio," suggesting that if it were not removed the book might not be allowed into the country. Eventually it was agreed that one complaint out of a book of 172 photographs could be safely ignored, but the issue illustrates Azzi's complicated position.

As Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al Faisal wrote in his introduction to "Saudi Arabian Portfolio": "It is not the Saudi Arabia that we Saudis see, nor is it merely a collection of the fleeting images that commercial travelers encounter while crossing our land—it is unique, opening windows for Arab and foreigner alike... He has photographed the Kingdom with affection and sensitivity, treading the fine line between sentimentality and sensationalism."

Azzi shared his experiences with his professional colleagues and with Harvard undergraduates in 1976-77, when he won a coveted Nieman Fellowship at the university.

As a Nieman Fellow, Azzi taught an undergraduate course on how government uses the press to promote its own interests—the French media keeping Pompidou's illness secret; Dr. Kissinger inviting journalists home to dinner for carefully planned scoops; peace overtures floating in the press before a government assumes responsibility. Fourteen Harvard students took the course. "I think their eyes were opened."

Among the 12 Nieman Fellows that year were Bill Wheatley, head of NBC television's "Evening News" and Hennie van Deventer, a leading Afrikaner journalist. Azzi was the fourth photographer and the only freelance photo-



"If one takes pictures here one's obliged to put them in context"

grapher ever chosen for the program.

The year at Harvard came after he finished "Arabian Portfolio". He then returned to the Kingdom to do "Saudi Arabian Portfolio."

As anyone who has tried to take a few casual snapshots knows, it is not easy to be a photographer here. "Taking photographs is occasionally offensive to some traditions and to a sense of security, but those who criticize photography are often those least likely to see how it is used," Azzi says. "If one takes pictures here one's obliged to put them in context and not treat them as isolated Fellini-esque occurrences."

Azzi once stopped to photograph a donkey, barely visible under its load of cans, standing at a gas station as each was filled. He was asked why he was taking the

picture, why a camera should be allowed to point at that.

"Because it exists."

Azzi sees in Saudi Arabia the same tendency to extract elements of a foreign culture and to superimpose them where they don't belong. An Arab world besotted by Western culture emulates its architecture, its television, its advertising design.

"There is little visual literacy here yet and the fight to assert a separate identity has still to be won. Putting arches on the front of a building makes it neither Middle Eastern nor Islamic—it makes it a building with arches."

It is the double image formed by Saudi Arabia's attempt to hold on to its own values that interests Azzi. His background as a photojournalist can be seen in his two

books, but the photography is not solely defined by its subject matter. It is strong enough to stand alone.

A test of any color photograph is whether or not it needs to be in color and there is often in his work a kind of homesickness for black-and-white. In some photographs he is color's reluctant lover, seduced by its spectacle.

Yet in the "Arabian Portfolio" photograph of the seagull and the palm tree, for example, he combines both media. The dark lower section has a rich texture. As the eye moves up the print, the green of the palm fronds is slowly allowed to assert itself and the soft blue of the birds is nicely captured.

In his photograph of a desert lake, the tones are soft pastels of yellow and blue. They are also

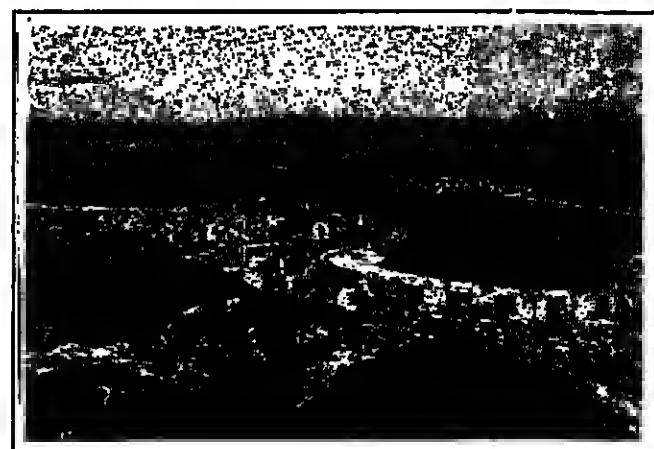
used for a purpose. The picture has the clear vision of a Walker Evans landscape.

All of his pictures are valuable glimpses of Saudi Arabia and this is enough to carry some of them over problems they might not overcome outside the portfolios. The series on Saudi family life can really only be appreciated by someone interested in Saudi family life.

Azzi does give photography more ammunition in its fight for acceptance as an independent art form. His photograph of the cross-legged guard suspended in a field of quiet blue and the close-up of two men in which the hand movements and the folds of cloth are wonderfully executed, are particularly powerful.

Azzi's photographs are successful abstractions. He pulls us into a landscape well worth exploring.

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# Raas sprints to take fifth stage of Tour

ANGERS, France July 3 (R) — Jan Raas of the Netherlands edged out Jacques Esclassean of France to win the fifth stage of the Tour de France cycle race in a massive sprint finish here.

The 27-year-old Dutchman confirmed his reputation as one of the fast finishers of his generation when he surged ahead of a 130-strong pack in the last meters.

A former winner of the classic Paris-Brussels race, Raas won two stages in similar circumstances as well as the prologue against the clock in last year's tour.

Esclassean, a confirmed sprinter like Raas, beat Irishman Sean Kelly into third place.

The whole pack finished on the winner's heels and Bernard Hinault of France retained the overall leader's yellow jersey.

Another Dutchman, Henrie Kuiper, stands in the third place, 31 seconds behind Hinault.

This fifth stage, a 145.5 kilometre

haul on flat ground between Neuville de Poitou and Angers, saw, as expected, the revival of the sprint riders, overshadowed earlier by the up-hill specialists in the Pyrenees.

In the last hour of racing, many riders attempted to break away from the pack but none of them managed to remain long in front.

World champion Gerrie Knetemann of the Netherlands, Dietrich Thurau of West Ger-

many and Frenchmen Rene Bittinger and Mariano Martinez were among the few who succeeded in breaking away for a while in the last 10 kilometers.

But each time, riding at the incredible average speed of 60 kilometers an hour, their pursuers caught up with them.

One of the main features of Monday's stage was a solo burst by Hinault shortly after the start. He stayed for some 20 kilometers in

front with a 30-second lead over the pack before giving up his effort.

Hinault's breakaway appeared to have been more a show of strength than a serious attempt at increasing his overall lead.

The sixth stage is a 242.5 kilometre ride between Angers and Saint-Brieuc, Hinault's Brittany home town, which includes a short climb 10 kilometers from the finish.

## Arum declares

# Title fight will be in southern Africa

JOHANNESBURG, July 3 (AP) — Boxing promoter Bob Arum of the New York-based Top Rank, said Monday the World Boxing Association heavyweight championship fight will definitely be fought in southern Africa in September.

"We have arranged not only the

heavyweight championship fight," Arum told reporters at the airport here on his arrival from London, "but have got together what will be the greatest boxing tournament of all time."

The only snag was that the right participants have yet to be named.

According to Mike Mortimer, chairman of the WBA Championships Committee, the top four contenders for the title now are: Americans John Tate and Ernie Shavers, and South Africans Gerrie Coetzee and Kallie Knoetze.

But Shavers is scheduled to challenge the rival World Boxing Commission champion Larry Holmes for its title on Sept. 14.

If Shavers goes ahead with the WBC match, he is no longer a WBA contender, Mortimer said Monday.

"In terms of WBA protocol, the names of the two men who will fight for the vacant WBA crown will be announced on Wednesday or Thursday." The WBA heavyweight titleholder, Muhammad Ali, is expected officially to vacate his seat this week.

Arum expected the match between Tate and Coetzee to go ahead as planned in September. Coetzee, known as the Boks-

brug Bomber after his home town and hard right, defeated American Leon Spinks in two minutes during their fight in Monte Carlo on June 24, while Tate downed Knoetze in Mmabatho, Bophuthatwana, on June 2.

"We have signed a contract" for the fight, said hotel entrepreneur Sol Kerzner, who returned to South Africa with Arum, Mortimer, and WBA officials Justice W.H.O. Kloppers and Stan Christodoulou.

"We have agreed that the fight should take place in this part of the world. During this week we hope to be able to finalize this date," Kerzner said.

## Featherweight

PANAMA CITY, July 3 (AP) — World featherweight boxing champion Eusebio Pedroza has agreed to defend his crown against John Abo of Papua New Guinea for a \$120,000 purse.

The date has not been finalized yet but the fight will probably take place sometime during the last week of August in Papua New Guinea.

"I expect we'll get a definite date sometime this week," said Santiago del Cid, the Panamanian champion's manager.

## Rubbish 7-2

# Red Sox suffer Yankee vengeance

NEW YORK, July 3 (AP) — Jim Spencer and Reggie Smith blasted home runs and Tommy John became the American League's first 12-game winner Monday night as the New York Yankees defeated the Boston Red Sox 7-2.

Jim Sundberg doubled home both runs as the Texas Rangers blanked Baltimore 2-0. It was only the Orioles' fourth loss in their last 26 games.

The Minnesota Twins won their fourth straight game, 7-0 over the Seattle Mariners, as Darrell Jackson and Mike Marshall combined on a six-hitter. Glenn Adams drove in two runs to lead the Twins' attack.

Jim Norris broke a 4-4 tie on a bases-loaded triple in the 11th inning and the Cleveland Indians went on to defeat the Detroit Tigers 8-4.

Don Baylor hit his fifth home run in five days and drove in three runs as the California Angels topped the Oakland A's 8-3 in the

## American League.

Steve Yeager slammed two home runs, including a three-run shot in the 12th inning, as the Los Angeles Dodgers beat the San Diego Padres 6-3 in the National League.

In earlier NL games, Manny Trillo's first home run of the season, a three-run shot, boosted the Philadelphia Phillies over the New York Mets 5-2 while Tim Lincecum's second hit of the game, a single to right field, scored Omar Moreno to snap a tie and give the Pittsburgh Pirates a 5-4 victory over

## Admiral's Cup selectors pick skipper Heath

LONDON, July 3 (AP) — Edward Heath will skipper the British team in the international Admiral's Cup yachting series which begins Aug. 1 at Cowes.

Heath, who was Conservative prime minister from 1970 to 1974 has been out of international yachting since 1973, when his third Morning Cloud was a member of the three-boat British team in the biennial Admiral's Cup.

He was skipper of the winning British team in 1971 with Morning Cloud II, after having the previous year won the classic Sydney to Hobart race.

The Royal Ocean Racing Club chose Heath as this year's Admiral's Cup skipper, one of highest accolades in British yachting, after long deliberations Monday.

He will be sailing his 44-foot Morning Cloud in the series of five races that make up the competition, involving 57 yachts from 19 nations. The other two British boats will be the 51-foot Blizzard skippered by Ernest Juer and the 39-foot Eclipse under Jeremy Rogers.

## French rugby players seem ready for Test

AUCKLAND, July 3 (AP) — The French rugby team had far too much pace and class in the backs for Hawkes Bay at McLean Park, Napier, Tuesday and scored six tries in winning 31-7.

But where everything looked good in the backs, the French forwards were not impressive as a unit and will have to raise their lineout and rucking play for the first Test against the All Blacks in Christchurch on Saturday.

A further addition to the French injury list was star back Serge Blanco, who was carried from the field on a stretcher in the second half after a heavy tackle.

France, 31: Didier Codornion (2), Jean-Luc Averous, Frederic Costes (2), Yves Valquier, tries: Alain Caussade dropped goal: Serge Blanco conversion: Guy Laporte, conversion.

Hawkes Bay, 13: (Junior) Parahi, try: Mark Sissu, three penalties.

## Criticized Steele resigns as captain of Derbyshire

LONDON, July 3 (R) — Former England captain David Steele has resigned as skipper of Derbyshire only three months after being appointed. England all rounder Geoff Miller will take over.

A statement issued by the club Monday said that Steele felt he was unable to give "the necessary concentration to his own game while undertaking the responsibilities of the captaincy."

Steele, who took over as captain from South African Eddie Barlow, was widely criticized last month for not attempting a run chase in a county championship match against Somerset at Harrogate.

England opener Geoff Boycott, who was sacked as Yorkshire captain last year, hit an immaculate unbeaten 130 in a 288-run opening stand with Richard Lamb in Yorkshire's championship match against Somerset at Harrogate.

Lamb went on to hit a career best of 159 with four sixes and 18 fours as Yorkshire amassed 305 for one declared. Somerset replied with 111 of one in their second innings — a lead of 110.

Centuries by South African Kepler Wessels and Sri Lankan Gehan Mendis enabled Sussex to



Geoff Miller

take a 148-run first innings lead over Nottinghamshire at Trent Bridge.

Mendis (118) and Wessels (100) put on 95 for the second wicket but Nottinghamshire hit back to score 96 for no wicket in their second innings.

A swarm of bees held up the championship game between Gloucestershire and Glamorgan at Bristol but they failed to disturb Geoff Holmes' concentration.

Although play was held up for a few minutes as the bees buzzed around, Holmes, 20, hit a maiden century to help Glamorgan to a first innings lead.

OUT: David Steele has resigned as captain of Derbyshire

## Sweep swimming golds

# Mighty U.S. bestrides American games

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico, July 3 (R) — The United States has always been the dominant force in Pan American sport, and it proved it yet again on the first day of the Eight Pan American Games.

Of the 15 gold medals on offer Monday the Americans took nine. Tuesday with another dozen titles at stake, there seems no reason why they should not maintain

their average take.

Six of the golds came from the swimming pool, where the brilliant young Americans swept the board both in the racing and the diving.

Six gold medals were to be won and lost in the water again Tuesday and there seems no reason to suppose that they will not all end up hanging around American necks.

In the men's springboard diving, the Americans are represented by Phil Boggs, the Olympic and triple world champion. The 29-year-old law student has dominated his event for the past six years and there is no sign as yet that he is ready to concede his top billing.

Tracy Caulkins, the 16-year-old wonder girl from Nashville, Tennessee, won two golds in the women's individual 200 meters medley and the women's 400 met-

ers medley relay.

She is going for a third title in the 100 meters breaststroke where her fastest time of one minute 10.77 seconds is over two and a half seconds faster than that of her nearest rival and team mate, Tami Paumier.

Linda Jezek, one of the girls who helped win that relay medal, stands out equally strongly in the women's 100 meters backstroke while Kesse Vassallo, a Puerto Rican swimmer for the United States, is eight seconds clear of the field in the men's 400 meters individual medley.

Only in the women's 200 meters freestyle and the men's 400 meters freestyle relay should the Americans be pushed by their main rivals, the Canadians.

Canadian Anne Jardin is very close to American Kim Lineham in the individual event, while in

the relay the Canadians have come within two seconds of the Americans' best time.

American Ambrose Gaines had knocked 2.2 seconds off the Games record in the men's 200 meters freestyle beats with a winning time of 1:53.25.

A third American, Gregg Wenschel, then lowered the 100 meters breaststroke time by almost a second, putting Canada's top swimmer, Gabriela Smith of Edmonton, in the shade.

Smith, who may have been saving himself for the final, clocked only 1:06.78, but still won his heat comfortably.

The fourth record, for once, did not go to an American. Brazilian Ronaldo Arantes won his heat of the men's 100 meters backstroke in 57.69, over half a second inside the games record.

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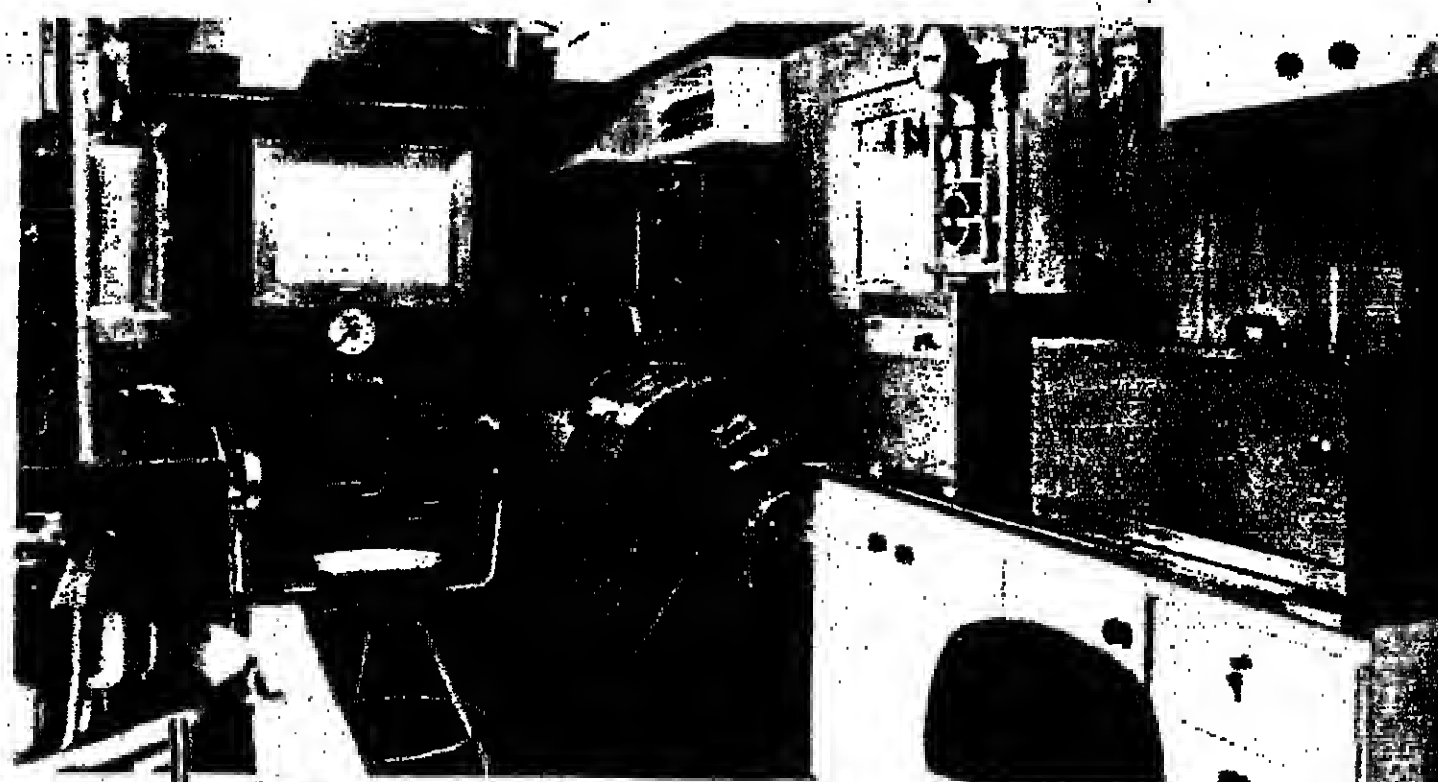
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BAGHDAD, July 3 (R) — Iraq has signed a contract with a Japanese firm for the purchase of its fifth oil tanker at a cost of about \$6 million. The Iraq News Agency said Monday the tanker, which could carry 12,500 tons of oil by-products, would be delivered next April. It will join the oil ships operating in the Gulf. The agency did not identify the firm involved in the deal.

## Middle East Shipping Information

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**STOCKHOLM, July 3 (R) —** The Baltic nations have begun an experiment to mark the contents of oil tankers so they can identify the culprits in cases of oil pollution. For the trials port authorities have been issued with fine particles of different types of metals. When a tanker discharges oil, the authorities put a coded blend of these particles into the ship's tanks and send the blend composition and tanker's name to a central registry. If the ship later dumps oil at sea while washing its tanks, a small sample of the slick will identify the source of the pollution.

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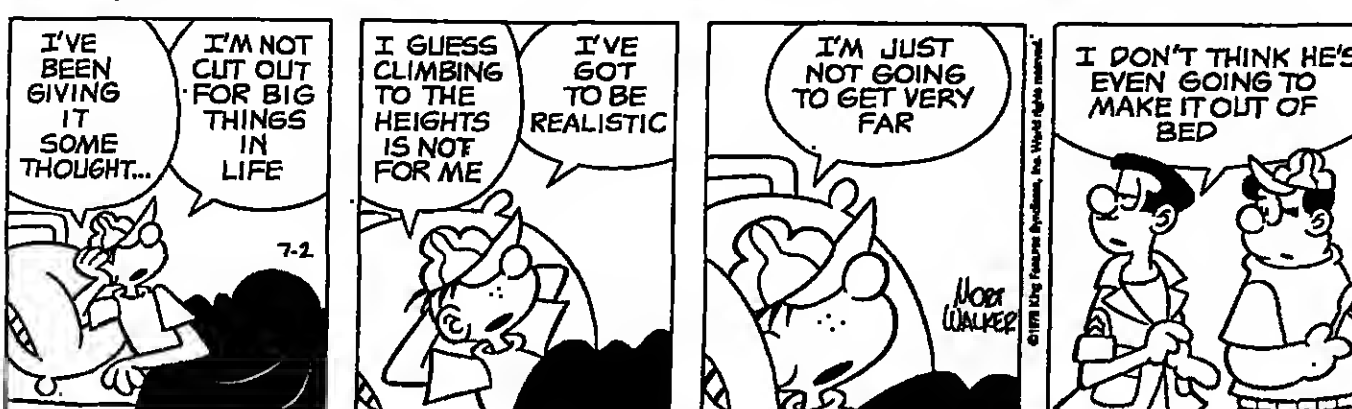
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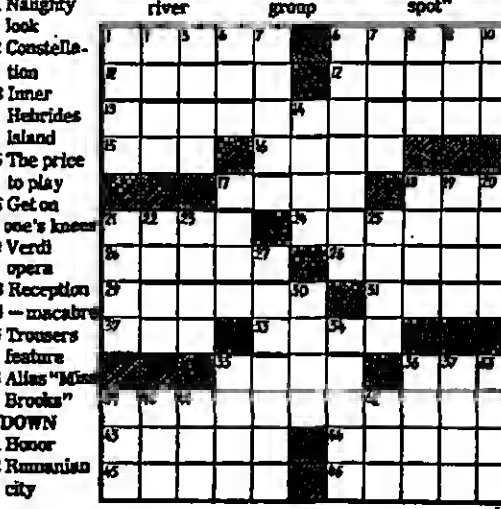
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DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE - Here's how to work it:  
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One letter simply stands for another. In this sample A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

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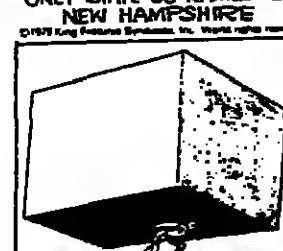
AT CA VD OVRE. - BAHAZ BDEV

Yesterday's Cryptquote: IN REAL LOVE YOU WANT THE OTHER PERSON'S GOOD. IN ROMANTIC LOVE YOU WANT THE OTHER PERSON. - MARGARET ANDERSON.

## Rings - Believe It or Not!



NEW ENGLAND HAS SCORES OF VILLAGES, TOWNS AND COUNTIES NAMED AFTER PLACES IN ENGLAND - BUT THE ONLY STATE SO NAMED IS NEW HAMPSHIRE



THE CORNERSTONE OF THE WASHINGTON MONUMENT WHICH WAS LAID ON JULY 4, 1848, AND WEIGHED 24,500 LBS. DISAPPEARED AND HAS NEVER BEEN FOUND



SIR ALEC GUINNESS THE FAMED ENGLISH STAR WHEN HE TRIED OUT FOR A SCHOOL PLAY WAS TOLD BY THE HEADMASTER - 'YOU'LL NEVER make an actor, Guinness'

## Contract Bridge B. Jay Becker

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184.15-185.25	184.15-185.25	STG	2.1685-2.1695	2.1685-2.1695
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3.9900-3.9910	3.9900-3.9910	CAN	85.48-85.49	85.48-85.49
3.9925-3.9935	3.9925-3.9935	LTJ	83.90-83.91	83.90-83.91
11.7600-11.7610	11.7600-11.7610	DPL	2.6295-2.6310	2.6295-2.6310
11.7620-11.7630	11.7620-11.7630	SPR	1.06-1.07	1.06-1.07
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10.40-10.41	10.40-10.41	YEN	217.48-217.49	217.48-217.49
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14.53-14.55	14.53-14.55	NKE	4.90-4.91	4.90-4.91
20.40-20.41	20.40-20.41	SKR	4.9785-4.9795	4.9785-4.9795
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Three Months	715.00	716.00
Settlement	712.00	

COPPER

Cash	861.00	862.00
Three Months	864.00	865.00
Settlement	862.00	

LEAD

Cash	691.00	692.00
Three Months	696.00	697.00
Settlement	692.00	

NICKEL

Cash	778.00	779.00
Three Months	780.00	781.00
Settlement	779.00	

SILVER

Cash	412.00	413.00
Three Months	413.00	414.00
Settlement	412.00	

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Standard	7985	7990
Three Months	7990	7995
Settlement	7985	

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Three Months	350.00	351.00
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**Close vote seen**

## Bundestag debating limit on Nazi war crimes' trials

BONN, July 3 (AP) — West German parliamentarians Tuesday began a day-long debate expected to end in a close vote on whether to allow hitherto undetected Nazi murderers to escape punishment after this year.

"We cannot bow down to the ignorance of the American public," Alois Mertes, a prominent Christian Democrat, said in opening the debate with an appeal to remain true to the German legal system.

Mertes, a defense expert of the conservative party, said West German lawmakers were being pressured to change their system by Americans who did not understand it and equated a limitation on prosecution with amnesty or forgiveness.

Support for the statute of limita-

tions that would take effect January 1, 1980, for Nazi murderers in no way indicated support for their crimes or for anti-semitism, Mertes said.

The issue has been hotly debated in Germany since the January showing of the American television series "Holocaust" about Nazi atrocities.

The statute is considered so controversial that the three parliamentary parties have declined to impose the usual strict party-line voting and left it to each deputy's conscience how to vote.

Most of the support for retaining the statute comes, however, from the Free Democrats and Christian Democrats, the more conservative parties. Chancellor Helmut Schmidt leads many of his fellow Social Democrats in opposing the limitation.

The debate, which began at 9 a.m. Tuesday, was expected to last at least until 5 p.m. There was no announced order of speakers.

"A statute of limitations changes nothing about the reprehensibility of the deed," Mertes said.

West Germany, like other continental European countries, places a limitation on the number of years a murderer is subject to prosecution, Mertes said. This is in contrast to Britain and North America, which have their Anglo-Saxon legal systems on common law and have no statute of limitations for murder, he said.

Mertes said murders committed by Nazis in Hitler's Third Reich should be treated the same as any murder for purposes of prosecution. Any Nazi murder suspects not already under investigation or prosecution by the end of this year would go free unless the law is changed.

The statute already has been extended twice for Nazi murderers, most recently in 1969. It now technically covers 3 years and takes effect with the 1949 founding of the West German government, working retroactively from then to cover any Nazi murder committed before 1945.

An estimated 11 million persons were methodically exterminated by the Nazis.

Most of the major crimes, such as those involving guards at death camps have been cleared up, according to Adalbert Ruckert, chief prosecutor of the Central Office of Prosecution of Nazi war crimes.

He said 84,403 persons have been investigated and 6,432 convicted of murder and other crimes.

## Johnny's drain problem was a hard one to solve

ADELAIDE, Australia July 3 (AP) — Janet Hansmann was giving her 15-month-old son Johnny a bath when the infant got three of his fingers stuck in the drain, the Australian Associated Press reported Tuesday.

Janet couldn't get them free, so she called the fire brigade. The firemen couldn't free Johnny either.

So they called an ambulance. The ambulance men, in turn, called a doctor who had no better luck.

They decided the only solution was to take Johnny to the Royal Adelaide Hospital. So Johnny and his attached bathtub went to the hospital in an ambulance.

The doctors in the casualty section decided to call in a specialist. So they rang a plumber.

He removed the plug fitting from Johnny's fingers in the hospital's maintenance department.

Johnny spent the night in the hospital with swollen fingers. His parents took the bathtub home and called in another plumber to reinstall it.

## Filming TV show

## Bob Hope on 'Road to China'

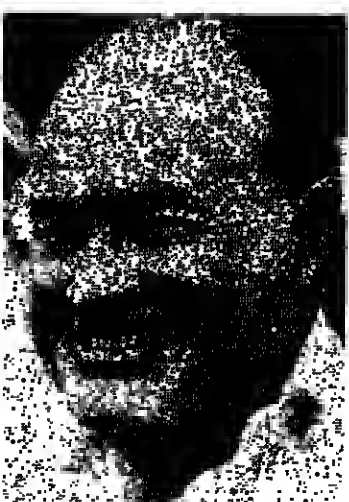
PEKING, July 3 (AP) — In a way commentary on the way the world turns, Bob Hope leads America's Fourth of July independence celebrations Wednesday in what only a little while ago he would have regarded as a highly improbable place — the People's Republic of China.

The 76-year-old funny man is producer, inspiration and master of ceremonies of a gala stage show marking the first U.S. independence day observance here since the establishment of full Sino-American diplomatic relations six months ago.

The performance, by invitation from U.S. Ambassador Leonard Woodcock, is for both Chinese and Americans and will include a cast of performers from both countries, including the famous ballet dancer, Mikhail Baryshnikov, a defector from the Soviet Union.

The irony about all this is that the British-born comedian over the decades has won conservative applause and a Congressional Medal for entertaining American soldiers on a variety of foreign battlefields. In recent years, the Chinese have been the real or indirect enemy.

All this has changed, however, and Hope has taken to China.



Bob Hope

Money — and good will — not patriotism, brought him to China. Hope Productions, which include his wife Dolores and his daughter Linda, sold Coca Cola, Texaco and DuPont a three-hour television show called "The Road to China," which will be aired Sept. 16 in the United States.

To a Chinese audience that peppered him with questions on the show and Hollywood Tuesday, Hope said he expected the TV show to sweep the autumn ratings.

"If it doesn't, I'm out of lots of

money," he said.

The TV show is part documentary, part Bob Hope with some Chinese comedians mixed in. The supporting characters include the Great Wall of China, the Forbidden City, Democracy Wall and Tiao An Men Square.

Dressed in canary yellow trousers and a sports shirt, Hope met about 500 drama students, comedians, television and stage actors in the auditorium of the International Club Tuesday.

The highly responsive audience saw a showing of the 1947 Hope movie "Monsieur Beauchamp" before meeting him and wanted to know how he managed the bruising tumbles down the stairs.

"A stunt man did that," he said, "I was home in bed sleeping."

Asked if he had seen Chinese television, he replied that he had, Monday night.

"It looked like some Norwegianians," he said.

In fact, it was the Chinese version of Berthold Brecht's "Galileo."

Afterward, Hope said he found the Chinese quick to respond, and fast in their timing when it came to comedy.

"These people are dying to laugh," he told an American reporter.

"And they haven't had a lot to laugh about."

He referred to the 1966-69 Cultural Revolution during which many of the comedians he has come to know were humiliated, lost their jobs or were imprisoned.

A new, more moderate regime has blown some life and hope into Chinese society, making it possible for millions who had nearly forgotten to laugh again.

## One that didn't get away has fishermen wondering

LONDON, July 3 (AP) — A British fishing boat caught a submarine before dawn Tuesday but had to put it back.

It was a small submarine, to be sure, the 295-foot patrol sub Onyx. But it took four hours to free it from the net of the trawler Britannia.

Just as well it wasn't one of Britain's 425-foot nuclear ballistic behemoths, said a Royal Navy spokesman. "You could envision the poor fishing boat going for a ride."

The catch took place in a submarine area in Scotland's Firth of Clyde. The navy spokesman said, "These areas are marked on nautical charts, but we cannot stop people coming into them. We just hope fishermen will take extra care."

The sub, which had been exercising with a Royal Navy frigate, was undamaged by the experience. The Britannia went off to get its net repaired.

"This sort of thing has happened before," said the navy spokesman, "but it's by no means an everyday occurrence."

## At Commonwealth conference

## Britons voice fears for Queen's safety in Lusaka

LONDON, July 3 (AP) — Fears are mounting for the physical safety of Queen Elizabeth II at the Commonwealth Prime Ministers' conference next month in Zambia, on the frontline of the escalating conflict in Zimbabwe Rhodesia.

And Britain's other woman leader, Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, looks headed for a frontline confrontation with the majority of leaders from African, Asian and Caribbean Commonwealth nations over the Rhodesian issue.

Several British newspapers urged Monday that the queen call off the visit to Zambia, a nation which hosts some 15,000 Rhodesian guerrillas whose bases are the regular target of ground and air strikes by Zimbabwe Rhodesian forces.

However, a Buckingham Palace spokesman said Monday, "at present, it is the firm intention that the queen will be going to Lusaka."

Scotland Yard denied one British newspaper report Monday that a Special Branch team, after visiting Zambia, stated flatly it would be unsafe for the queen to go there.

"No such advice or recommen-



Queen Elizabeth



Margaret Thatcher



Abel Muzorewa

dation has been given by the Special Branch," a Scotland Yard spokesman said.

The Commonwealth Secretariat in London, adamant that the conference site cannot be switched, accused Zimbabwe Rhodesian forces and right-wing British newspapers of mounting a deliberate campaign to have the parlay moved from Zambia.

Mrs. Thatcher returned home Monday evening after declaring in a Canberra, Australia, interview Sunday that she does not believe

her two-month-old Conservative government will re-impose sanctions in November against the outrecognized administration of Rhodesian Prime Minister Abel Muzorewa.

Foreign office officials said Monday it was an "open secret" that the Conservatives, as opposed to their Labor Party predecessors, would have "difficulty" reimposing sanctions.

Mrs. Thatcher's remarks amounted to her most sympathetic statement since she took office in May toward the guerrilla-

opposed administration in the Zimbabwe Rhodesia-capital, Salisbury.

Informed sources cooed Monday that the prime minister's latest pronouncement has provoked official fears of an angry backlash when the 40 Commonwealth nations meet.

Last week, after a long struggle with congressional conservatives, President Jimmy Carter was in effect left to decide when sanctions should be lifted.

Fears about the safety of the

queen were renewed with Sunday's strike by Zimbabwe Rhodesian commandos against a munitions dump of guerrilla leader Joshua Nkomo's forces about 30 kilometers from Lusaka.

It was the second raid within a week, and came soon after Mrs. Thatcher told Australian reporters she was seriously concerned about the 52-year-old monarch's safety in Lusaka.

The Commonwealth Secretariat here appears annoyed that much of the British press — and many Conservative lawmakers — see any threat to the queen as coming from edgy and undisciplined guerrillas within Zambia, rather than the Zimbabwe Rhodesian forces.

"The conference cannot be switched from Lusaka," Commonwealth Secretariat press officer Paosy Robertson said Monday after returning from Lusaka. "If the worst came to the worst, all we could do is postpone it."

"We think it will be perfectly all right, anyway...The Rhodesians are launching a deliberate campaign to stop the conference, aided and abetted by elements here which give them publicity."

## British envoy seeking Salisbury concessions

SALISBURY, July 3 (AP) — British special envoy Lord Harlech arrived here Monday for talks with Prime Minister Abel Muzorewa and indicated that accommodation between the government of Zimbabwe Rhodesia and other black African states was possible.

"Undoubtedly progress has been made (in Zimbabwe Rhodesia) and I think there is recognition of that by the 'front line' states," he said. "Some more than others."

Lord Harlech said he would hold talks with officials of the Muzorewa government to assess whether the "undoubted progress" of the Zimbabwe Rhodesia political situation can be built upon to return the country to legality "with the maximum amount of recognition."

The British peer recently toured

a number of black African states to gauge their feelings about British plans to work for recognition of Zimbabwe Rhodesia and a lifting of economic sanctions.

He was to meet with Muzorewa later Tuesday and again Wednesday before returning to London Wednesday night.

Lord Harlech said his job was to help the British government determine the best course in its efforts to return Zimbabwe Rhodesia to legality, and his mission here would be "an exercise in quiet diplomacy."

He declined to elaborate on speculation in London that he would ask Muzorewa to make changes to the constitution to remove some white privilege. A major criticism of the new order here has been that too much was ceded to whites in the constitution.



FAMOUS MUPPET: Kermit the Frog (actually a hot air balloon) points up to the sky during a recent children's party in London. The most famous of the characters in the popular U.S. "Muppets" television show is now starring in a Muppet movie which opened recently.

## Costa del Sol deserted

## Basque bombs empty Spanish beaches

MADRID, July 3 (R) — A Basque guerrilla offensive against Spain's vital tourist industry Tuesday appeared to be making a growing impact, with Costa del Sol hoteliers reporting many cancellations.

As the peak summer season gets under way, only 30 per cent of beds are reported filled in one of the country's most popular resorts.

At a meeting in Torremolinos, hoteliers decided to hire private security guards and mount an international campaign to attract the missing customers, as the guerrilla group ETA threatened to extend their offensive.

ETA gave the government 24 hours to meet its demands for better conditions for jailed ETA suspects. "The next time we will carry out a joint operation in the areas of Gerona and Malaga."

Gerona province covers the northwestern Costa Brava, usually packed with millions of European tourists. Malaga is the capital of the southern Costa del Sol.

The latest guerrilla threat came in a communiqué claiming respon-

sibility for two bomb blasts on Sunday night in the east coast resorts of Castellon and Peniscola.

Eleven bombs have now been planted in Mediterranean resorts in the last week. In one of the blasts two Belgian tourists were badly injured while sunbathing on a beach near Marbella.

## Beauty's death 'greatly exaggerated'

MANAGUA, July 3 (AP) — Patricia Pineda Chamorro, Nicaragua's entry in the Miss Universe contest in Australia, practices yoga every day to take her mind off the bombing and killing going on around her in her country's civil war.

She is taking refuge in the Managua Yoga Institute with her mother. The two fled from Rivas, about 30 kilometers north of the Costa Rican border, where fighting erupted there two weeks ago.

A Sydney, Australia newspaper reported that she had been killed. "As you can see, I am very much alive," she said.

The 19-year-old brunette said she applied for an exit visa three days ago and planned to leave for Sydney Tuesday. She said if she leaves on schedule, she should arrive on Thursday.

Miss Pineda said she and her mother left behind two twin sisters in Rivas who hoped the fighting there might stop. The two 17-year-olds were trapped in the town because all highways leading out of it are blocked.

The Nicaraguan beauty queen says the home where she is staying at the institute has plenty of food and water.

She appeared calm and relaxed as she sat in a chair in the shade on the tennis court. She is 170 centimeters tall, has a light complexion

and dark eyes.

Miss Pineda said she will be travelling to Sydney alone. She said she has a 24-year-old boyfriend, a doctor who has been working long hours at one of Managua's hospitals which are overflowing with sick and wounded refugees.



Miss Nicaragua

ion and dark eyes.

Members of the diplomatic corps and senior government officials were invited to attend.

## Mohsen to attend Meridien festival

JEDDAH, July 3 (SPA) — Deputy Governor of Mecca Prince Saud bin Abdul Mohsen will attend the first anniversary of the Al-Slam Meridien Hotel here next Thursday.

Members of the diplomatic corps and senior government officials were invited to attend.

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